

Year 5 and Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter



Autumn 2026



Our theme:

- Invasion

Our learning:

In the Invasion theme, the children will learn about life in Britain after the Roman withdrawal. They will find out about Anglo Saxon and Viking invasions up to the Norman conquest. The children will also explore Britain's settlement by Anglo Saxons and Scots. They will explore significant events of the Early Middle Ages and understand about the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor. Finally, the children will make links to our local Viking Settlement: Jorvik. During this time, they will explore the links to York and use maps of Europe to identify countries from which the Viking raiders came.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the autumn term! We really look forward to getting to know the children better, as they settle into their new classes. We would be really grateful if you continued to listen to your child read and support them with their home learning. Home learning and reading will be checked every Wednesday so please ensure that home learning books and planners are handed on this day each week. Home Learning will be handed out on a Friday.

Maths

There will be a key focus on:

- Number and place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Fractions

In addition to this, Year 6 children will focus on converting units of measure.

English

In English, children will be taught a range of sentence structures, beginning with simple sentences and extending to multi-clause sentences, with relevant punctuation being taught alongside. Children will apply this through writing short passages - including a series of diary entries linked to the text 'Queen of the Falls'. After half term, they will then move on to produce narrative writing linked to the text 'Beowulf'.

French

Year 5 children will focus on: 'Monster Pets' and 'Shopping in France'.
Year 6 children will focus on: 'French Sport' and 'In my French House'.

Science

The children will be learning about properties and uses of materials; they will focus on working scientifically to carry out a number of comparative and fair tests. They will also investigate how some materials can change state, learning about which changes are reversible and which remain permanent. They will then move on to investigate how mixtures may be separated, considering their knowledge of solids, gases and liquids.

Geography

Year 5 children will focus on finding the location of some of the countries and major cities of the world; they will also learn about differing climate zones within and across continents.

Art and Design & Technology

Children will learn about how artists are inspired by nature and will observe artists' work, sharing their ideas about the style and use of colour. They will use line, value, texture and form to create realistic and detailed drawings and will create a mixed media collage, embellishing, using a variety of techniques, including printing. Additionally, children will also develop a design using prototypes and record the modification of the design at each stage. They will select and combine materials with precision, building a framework to support mechanisms and learn how mechanical systems create movement.

PSHE

This term we will cover the units: 'Being me in my World', 'Celebrating Difference' and 'Healthy Me'.

Computing

This term, both Year 5 and 6 children will learn about online safety, coding, graphing and spreadsheets.

RE

The Year 5 and 6 RE topic for the autumn term is, 'What would Jesus do?'.

Music

Children will be involved in Sing Education lessons. They will develop their singing, listening, performing and improvisation skills.

PE

Indoor:

Children will begin by focusing on team building activities and games; they will then move on to developing ball skills. After October half term, children will develop on their gym skills involving partner work and high apparatus.

Outdoor:

Children will focus on developing skills linked to Football. After half term, they will then move onto developing skills linked to Hockey.

Visits/Visitors/Enrichment Days:

Jorvik – Tuesday 1st December

Thank you for all of your ongoing support.