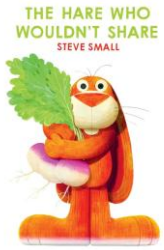
CLASS 5 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

ENGLISH

The Hare who wouldn't share



This term in English, Year 5 will be starting our new writing cycle using the Talk for Writing approach, beginning with the picture story The Hare Who Wouldn't Share. We will explore how writers bring characters to life by showing feelings through actions, expressions and speech, while developing our use of vocabulary and sentence structures. We will practice using modal verbs, conjunctions, figurative language such as similes and metaphors, and punctuation including brackets and dashes. We will build towards writing our own persuasive piece, encouraging the hare to share and explaining why sharing is important.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 8th December – KS2 Theatre by the Lakes visit

Friday 11th December – Reindeer Run (from 1pm)

Monday 14th December – Christmas Disco (5.00-6.30pm)

Wednesday 16th December - Christingle at St Michael's Church

Thursday 17th December - Christmas dinner day, class parties and Christmas jumpers

Friday 18th December – Carols by Candlelight

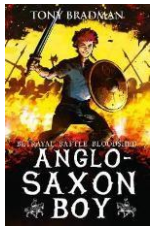
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RECOMMENDED READING FOR PLEASURE

We will be continuing to read The Anglo-Saxon Boy by Tony Bradman. It is an action-packed Anglo-Saxon tale of one boy's journey to the Battle of Hastings in 1066.



SCIENCE

Properties & Changes of Materials



These Properties and Changes of Materials Year 5 science lessons will be packed full of practical activities and scientific enquiries to help your child understand the differences between a variety of materials, and how materials can be mixed and dissolved, and reversibly and irreversibly changed.

DEAR PARENTS,

We hope that this newsletter provides you with some key information about what your child will be learning this half term and how you can support this at home.

PE will be on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Maths and Grammar homework will be set weekly on Fridays, to be handed in the following Wednesday.

Children should also practise times tables on TT Rockstars.

Please also encourage your child to learn their weekly spellings, spelling words to learn will be logged in reading records each week.

You can also support your child's learning at home by hearing them read and talking to them about what they are reading.

Please make sure reading records are signed and brought to school every day.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.
Miss Blackley

MATHS

Multiplication and Division

Your child will be identifying multiples and factors, including finding all factor pairs of a number, and common factors of two numbers. They will be solving problems involving multiplication and division, including using their knowledge of factors and multiples, squares and cubes. Children need to be practising ALL of their times tables to help them be more fluent and accurate.

Fractions

This half term your child will be:

- Finding equivalent fractions
- Comparing and ordering fractions
- Converting from mixed numbers to improper fractions
- Adding and Subtracting fractions

MUSIC



In Music, we will be learning the blues. We will learn some features of blues music and learn to play the 12-bar blues on the glockenspiel. Then we will improvise with notes from the blues scale.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Bread



We will evaluate some different types of bread from different countries. We will look at the cultural and religious links to different types of bread and learn about how bread contributes to a healthy balanced diet. Then we will design, make and evaluate our own bread product.

COMPUTING

Vector Drawing



In Computing we will learn that Vector drawings are made from simple shapes using a computer program. We will identify and use lots of drawing tools to create our own designs. We will move, resize, rotate and duplicate images. We will modify objects and use layering and grouping to create different effects.

RELIGION & WORLDVIEWS

How do our celebrations reflect the true meaning of Christmas?



We will be gaining a biblical perspective on the nativity story. We will deepen our understanding of what Christians believe to be the true meaning of Christmas and increase our knowledge about God's Big Story.

FRENCH



In our French lessons this half term we are counting to 40 and learning more about telling the time.

PSHE

Celebrating Differences



We will learn about celebrating difference. We will learn about the different types of bullying. We will compare our lives with people in the developing world. We will understand that cultural differences sometimes cause conflict and look at different cultures from our own. We will also discuss what racism is.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



We will be exploring some of the proverbs and wise sayings of Solomon taken from the book of Proverbs. Our theme is 'taking it back to the playground' because the children will look at how these ancient wise sayings can be taken 'back to the playground', lived out every day and still be relevant to us now.

PE



Football

The children will improve their defending and attacking play. They will begin to develop consistency and control in dribbling, passing and receiving a ball. They will also learn the basics of goalkeeping. They will learn the importance of playing games fairly, abiding by the rules of the game and being respectful of their teammates, opponents and referees.

Gymnastics

In this unit pupils develop balancing, rolling, jumping and inverted movements. They explore partner relationships such as matching and mirroring. Pupils are given opportunities to receive and provide feedback in order to make improvements on their performances.

"You have only failed if you have given up. Until then, it is called Learning."

