



## Year 5 Spring 1 Newsletter

### Meet the Team



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### Topic Overview & Key Text

This term we continue to adopt a text-based approach to our literacy and topic lessons. This half term, our book will be 'Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy.

In this literacy unit, children are transported to mysterious and menacing forests. They learn about the forces of good and evil, and how these concepts are depicted in traditional fairy tales, such as Hansel and Gretel. Children explore the archetypal characters of the wolf and the witch as well as writing endings with a twist! In our topic lessons, we will be studying the Vikings and analysing whether they were peaceful settlers or violent invaders.

### Maths

This term we will be focusing on fractions. The children will: compare and order fractions, add, subtract and multiply fractions, read and write fractions as decimals as well as identifying equivalent fractions, improper fractions and mixed numbers. Children will develop their reasoning and problem solving skills as well as ensuring they are secure with all times tables.

### Writing

In this topic the children will be learning how to write their own traditional tale with a twist. They will be learning how to use relative clauses, expanded noun phrases and dialogue to create a particular atmosphere.

The children will use these grammatical techniques to complete a 'hot write' at the end of the unit showcasing everything they have learnt.

### Reading

Alongside the key text, we will focus on other texts linked to the topic in our daily reading lessons. The children will have a scheme reading book pitched at their own level and will have opportunities to choose their own Reading for Pleasure books, to share at home.

### Homework

Homework will be set online (Seesaw) on a Thursday and must be completed by the next Tuesday. It will include spellings and maths. Spellings will be tested on a Tuesday. Every child is also expected to read for at least 20 minutes each day at home. Please read with your child and make a comment in their reading record.

### Year 5

We will be continuing with our thematic curriculum that creates meaningful links between the children's learning in English, science, humanities and creative arts with our key text as the main driver.

**Science:** Children will learn about life cycles of animals and seek to find patterns.

**Art:** Children will create string prints of Viking symbols.

**History:** Children will learn all about the Viking invasion and analyse if Vikings were violent invaders or peaceful settlers.

**Music:** Children will learn about the Italian composer Vivaldi and 'Winter' from 'The 4 Seasons'. They will also take part in an online workshop with the BBC Philharmonic.



## Year 5 Routines

School re-opens for all pupils on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Fridays</b>
	Spelling Test  Homework Completed	Times Table Test  PE – please bring a pair of trainers to change into.	Homework set on Seesaw	Golden Time

School closes for the end of term on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February and reopens on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.