



Year 5  
Spring Term Learning  
2023-2024



**Key Dates:**

There are no year 5 class assemblies in the spring term, these will take place in the summer term in terms 5 and 6.

For our final destination, Year 5 will be learning Viking songs and chants. We would then like to invite parents in to listen to us perform our song and see what we have learned in our topic. This will take place at **3pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024**. Reminders will be sent out closer to the time.

**How you can help:**

Reading, times tables and spellings are the main areas you can make a huge difference with at home, and these are what we expect the children to complete as homework each week. We now have online reading journals on 'Boom Reader', and it is an expectation that all children/parents have an account to record their child's reading. This allows us to track their reading and parents to see pupil's progress as well as any reading they have done in school. Reading books are then changed at school. Children are still using the Renaissance Reading program. Children should aim to read with an adult every day; a good guide is 30 mins per day. It is even more helpful if you can ask them questions about what they have been reading, or to predict what they think will happen next. Each week, your child will be given a list of spellings for their age group. They are tested once a week, on a Friday. You can really support your child by helping them to learn their spellings at home. A few minutes each evening or as you are walking to or from school will make all the difference. Children in Year 5 will learn timetables up to 12. Each week, the children will have a short times table test and when they have completed three of these with no errors, they will move onto their next times table. When they have learnt up to the 12x table, they will have a grid format which helps them remember all their tables. Children have access to a website called Times table Rockstars which they will have their password for and it helps them to practice their tables in an engaging way. You can also help by listening to the children recite their tables or asking questions for the children to answer.

PE

The children will continue to participate in PE sessions each week. The children will be going outside and will need suitable outside kit including trainers or plimsolls. School PE kit is a yellow/white t-shirt, black or blue shorts, clean socks and trainers or plimsolls. Earrings must be removed for PE by the child, or not worn to school on that day please. Please send your child in wearing PE kit on our usual PE days, which will be **Monday and Tuesdays**. In terms 3 and 4 we will be participating in dance and games, including invasion, striking and fielding.

Religious Education

All year groups study a range of religious beliefs in a knowledge capacity. In terms 3 and 4, we will be exploring Christianity and Judaism.



If you have any questions or would like more information about how to support your child's learning, please call or email the school office on 01752 775478 or [oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk) and the class teacher will return your call when they are free.





### MATHS

This term we will be learning about multiplication and division, and formal methods to help. These include column multiplication and the grid method. We will also be revisiting fractions and converting fractions into decimals.



### COMPUTING

Children will be collecting and presenting data using various IT programmes. Children will use search engines to retrieve information on the Vikings. They will also be continuing with our National online safety programme.



**DISCOVERY**  
*With a Learning Twist*

### ENGLISH

This term children will be writing Kennings poems about their topic and an explanation text regarding Viking long ships. Independent writes will be completed throughout this term in various genres such as information text, poetry etc.

### TERM 3: Vikings

Book: The Dragon's hoard

### SCIENCE

This term children will be learning about forces and focussing on air resistance, water resistance and friction. We will look at the Earth's gravity to explain how objects fall to Earth.



### MUSIC



Children will be learning a Viking chant and a Viking song about 'Loki the Joker'.

### HISTORY

Children will be learning about Vikings, their invasion into Great Britain, how life changed with the invasion and researching Alfred the Great.



### PSHE

Children will be learning about basic first aid, and what to do in an emergency.



### ENGLISH

This term children will be writing an explanation text about plastic pollution and its effects and a persuasive letter talking about pollution.

Independent writes will include a narrative, setting description and diary entry.

### SCIENCE

Children will be investigating changes to materials such as dissolving, sieving, evaporating and how these changes happen.



TERM 4: Our changing world  
Book: This book is not rubbish  
One plastic bag  
Sky dancer

### COMPUTING

Children will plan and create an environmentally-themed radio interview to record on a Chromebook. They will also edit, improve and evaluate their interview.



### MATHS

This term we will be revisiting decimals and converting them into percentages. We will also be investigating perimeter and area. At the end of the term, we will be learning about statistics, using tables and pictograms.



### PSHE

Children will be learning about communication, and how to communicate safely with friends.



### Geography

Children will be learning about locating major rivers and mountains in the world and the use of renewable energy.