

## Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

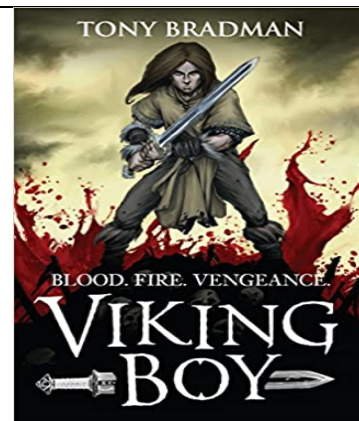
Welcome back to the new school year, we have an exciting year ahead! The Year 5 teachers are Mr Thomas (Ash) and Mrs Hurst (Beech).

**In History**, our topic this term is *Anglo-Saxons and Vikings*. We will be learning all about their lives and how they ruled Britain. We will explore the famous battles and the weapons and armour they used. We will be making links between our History topic and our English text.



**In English**, we will be reading the *Viking Boy* by Tony Bradman and will explore all of the different characters. We will write in role of a character in our book during the fight scene.

**Reading:** Please make sure that your child brings their book bag and reading book into school every day. It is important that your child reads regularly at home and that you sign their yellow reading record. You can support your child by asking them to summarise the text, recount any important events from the text in the correct order and make predictions. If your child is unsure of any meanings of words, please support your child to find the meaning.



**In Maths**, the children will be revisiting place value and working with numbers up to 1,000,000. They will be rounding and comparing numbers, using negative numbers and identifying the value of the digits. Children will be using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and will use a variety of mental and formal strategies to solve multi-step problems.

**In Science** we will be learning all about properties and changes of materials. We will know what reversible and irreversible change means. We will be carrying out practical experiments which will examples of reversible and irreversible changes. We will be finding out which materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution. We will also be using our knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating!

**In Art**, the children will carry out an investigation to explore different types of masks. They will experiment with different materials and processes to design and make a 3d mask based on a Norse beast.

**In R.E.**, we will be discussing and learning about 'Values that people live by'. Looking at different religions and how the values are similar.

Our **P.E days** are Monday and Thursday. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit, on these days. It would also be helpful for their kit to be labelled with their full name. **In PE**, we will be learning to skills and rules for rugby. We will be practising passing, receiving and defending.

**Home learning:** Spelling homework will be given out each Friday, along with any additional physical homework. Homework books need to be handed in every **Tuesday** as there will also be a weekly spelling test on **Tuesdays**. Homework on Purple Mash will be set every Friday and will be due in the following **Thursday**.

**In PSHE**, we will be learning about health and wellbeing. We will be exploring the composite questions:

How can I look after my physical and mental health?

What is 'individuality'?

How could I help someone who is hurt or ill?

What are drugs?

**Music:** We will be learning about the history of music and different genres of music. We will also be using Sparkyard to learn songs to perform.

**Computing:** We will be learning all about search engines. We will be able to explain what a search engine is, suggesting several search engines to use and explain how to use them to find websites and information. Suggest that things online aren't always true and recognise what to check for. Explain why keywords are important and what TASK stands for, using these strategies to search effectively. Recognise the terms 'copyright' and 'fair use' and combine text and images in a poster.

**Internet Safety:** It is vital that your child is safe online at home. In school, we will be focusing on E-safety in ICT. At home you can protect your child by setting parental restrictions and talking to your child about apps that are not safe. **Tik tok, Snap Chat, Instagram and Whatsapp are all 13+ and should not be used by Primary aged children.**

Here is a link to a guide for setting parental controls at home - <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider>

**We look forward to working with you and your child this term and thank you in advance for your continued support!**

### Dates for your Diary

Your children will be visiting Oldham Science Centre from the week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September fortnightly.