# Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

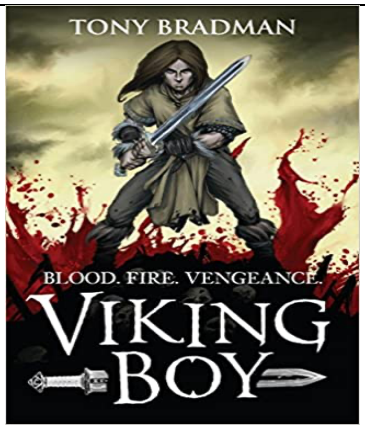
We hope you had a lovely break over half term!

**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 continue to read *Viking Boy by Tony Bradman* and will explore all of the different characters. We will write a non-chronological report based on a Viking god/goddess of our choice.

**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,** we will be using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and will use a variety of mental and formal strategies to solve multi-step problems. We will then move onto fractions.

**In Science** we will be learning all about forces. We will be able to explain why objects fall towards Earth because of the force of gravity. We will be able to identify the effects of resistance and friction.

**In DT**, the children will make Viking soup. They will chop and blend the ingredients, then cook the soup in forest school.

**In R.E,** we will be discussing and learning about Buddhists and how they live a meaningful life.

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 football. 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.** Purple Mash homework 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.

**In Spanish:** we are learning basic phrases that could be needed and used confidently when visiting a Spanish speaking country.

**Computing:** This term we will be learning about word processing and all the applications involved.

**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 14th September fortnightly.