English

This half term, to fit in with anti-bullying week, we will be writing a persuasive letter to bullies urging them to stop their behavior. Keeping with our History topic, we will be writing a newspaper report reporting the Viking invasion of Lindisfarne. As we move towards Christmas, we will be watching 'A Christmas Truce', Children will be using this to inspire them to write a diary entry. Our grammar work focuses on modal verbs and the prefixes de-, mis-, over-, and re-. Children will be learning to use inverted commas to show direct speech. Handwriting and spelling will be taught discreetly and practised regularly. Each week we will have focussed reading skills lessons honing our literal, deductive and inferential questioning skills. Please continue to read widely at home for pleasure and for practise and **remember to sign your child's reading record.**

History

Following on from our Anglo-Saxon topic about Invaders and Settlers, the children will find out what life was like for Vikings living in Britain and about crime and punishment at this time. We will study how and when England became a unified country. The children will learn about EtherIred and Dangeld and of the significant events that led up to the Norman Conquest and the end of the Anglo Saxon and Viking era.

Computing

We begin this half term learning about search engines; what they are, how we can use them and how they are created. We will be exploring how to use a search engine effectively, whilst also being aware that not everything we see online is true.

DT

Children will be designing and making their own bridges. In order to do this, they will first investigate the different designs of famous bridges, explore ways in which pillars and beams are used to span gaps. Finally, they will be evaluating and analyzing their own bridges.

PSHE

Children will be exploring the variety of ways we can look after our health and wellbeing. We will discuss the importance of physical and mental health and share how we can look after both of these. Children will discuss the importance of resilience and perseverance and how failure is such a valuable tool for growth and learning.

Music.

Year 5's music topic is The Egyptians. Within this theme, they will learn to sing with accuracy, fluency, control and expression. They will be expanding their knowledge of pitch notation and note length.

Science

Our new topic: 'Properties and Changes of Materials' will teach the children about different materials, their uses and their properties, as well as dissolving, separating mixtures and irreversible changes. The children will sort and classify objects according to their properties. They will explore the properties of materials to find the most suitable material for different purposes. They will find out about different ways to separate mixtures of materials, using filtering, sieving and evaporating.





MFL

Year 5 will listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding during lessons. We explore patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words. Year 5 will continue to enjoy sessions with our Foreign Language Assistant, Madam Adam on Thursdays.

Religion

The children will be learning about God's Covenants, where they will be introduced to the Ten Commandments. They will learn that God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses as a gift to help us to live as God wants. In the latter part of the topic the children will learn how God sent Jesus, his only Son, to help us live the commandments. As we approach Christmas children will have the opportunity to reflect on the birth of Jesus and what makes Christmas so important to Christians.

Maths

Year 5 will work on multiplying and dividing by 10,100,1,000 using their knowledge of multiples. We shall continue to multiply and divide numbers mentally drawing upon known facts. We will solve problems involving multiplication and division including using their knowledge of factors and multiples. We will complete tasks and problems related to equivalent fractions and look at fraction families. The children will also convert to and from improper fractions and mixed number. This will also involve comparing and ordering fractions greater than 1, addition and subtraction of fractions also involving mixed numbers.



PE

Our PE coach will be teaching PE on a Monday and on Friday, the class will have football with Emma, the United coach. Please wear suitable PE kits to school on these days. Woolly hats and gloves might also be wise in case you are outdoors. **Monday and Fridays are our PE days**.