



ROCKLIFFE MANOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Year 5 Class
Information:
Autumn 2**

**Teacher: Mrs
Clifford**

TA: Mrs Redhead

School value:

Our school value for this half term is RESPECT. This value will be explored through assemblies, circle time sessions and throughout our daily routines.

Welcome Back!

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely break! We are excited to introduce the children to their new topics and explore their learning together. The Year 5 team are very proud of how Year 5 have progressed so far, showing such positivity and enthusiasm for their learning.

If you wish to speak to me before or after parents evening, please do write a message in your child's contact book or please book an appointment to see me with the school office. You can also contact me via email a clifford@inspirerockcliffe.co.uk

Year 5's learning this half term:

During Autumn 2, the learning in Year 5 will be based around the global theme of 'Sustainability'. The focus of the term is on developing an understanding of self-sustainability; we will be analysing successful sustainability projects that are currently happening globally and taking part in a community debate in relation to the Big statement: "Britain prospered as a result of the Viking invasion". In English the focus will be on fictional writing and will be reading our core text 'The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind' by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer. We will be using the text as an inspiration for writing a descriptive narrative. We will be exploring how to create atmospheric writing and analyse an author's language choices. We will be learning how to create a persuasive speech in our narratives before building up to our writing outcome.



History: Year 5 will continue learning about Anglo-Saxons and Vikings and their legacy in the UK. We will be finding out who the Angles, Jutes and Saxons were and why they were influential in shaping British History. We will be learning about the events of the period known as the 'Dark Ages' from a sustainability viewpoint and looking at what attracted groups of Europeans to migrate and sometimes invade Britain. As part of our sustainability focus, we will look in depth at the farming methods of people from this period and thinking about what we can learn from the agricultural practices of these groups of people.

Science: As part of our science learning this term, the children will be learning about forces. We will explore how forces can impact one another, the scientific theories that have lead us to our understanding of gravity today and understand the effects of air resistance.

Maths: In Maths, the focus will be on fractions. The children will become confident at simplifying and comparing fractions as well as converting mixed numbers and improper fractions. We will also link our learning to key reasoning questions, and apply our knowledge to real life scenarios. In arithmetic, the children will continue to practice the 4 operations, this will include long multiplication and long division. We will also practice adding and subtracting fractions.

Music: This term we will explore Jazz music and focus on rhythmic phrases and using basic instruments to explore this further. As well as this, they will continue to have a weekly singing assembly exploring Christmas style songs.



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Computing: We will continue our learning on Purple Mash.

DT: In D&T, the children will be designing and creating their own windmills which will be inspired by our core text. Year 5 will be experimenting with materials, assessing how well their product works in relation to the design criteria and the intended purpose and critiquing their own and others' designs to support and offer solutions to design problems.

RE: This term, Year 5 will be building on our understanding of Christianity. Throughout the term we will begin to learn about Christian practices and how they express their beliefs. We will also analyse and research different places of worship and how coming together helps Christians grow in their faith.

French: This term we will be learning how to write and say the date in French fluently.

PE: In PE this half term, the children will have swimming and outdoor games.

RsE: This half term, Year 5 will be continuing to look at belonging and identity.

General Information

PE: PE will take place once a week on Thursdays. Swimming will continue to be every Wednesday, children will need to bring a towel, swimming cap and swimming costume. As regulations have changed, the children will now be expected to change into their PE kits on the days listed above. Please make sure children bring their PE kits at the start of term. They will be taken home again at the end of half term so they can be washed- or at the end of the week as long as they are returned the following week. It is important the children have their PE kit in school every day. They should have suitable clothing and footwear for both indoor and outdoor PE.

Contact books: Please ensure children bring in their contact books daily so that we will be able to read any messages you have written for us. Please continue to write any books your child reads to you in the contact book.

Water bottles: Please ensure your child brings a clean, suitable water bottle into class with their name on.

Times Tables: In Year 5, children are expected to have a strong grasp on all of their times tables. For practice, children can use Times Table Rockstars at home with the logins provided by the school.

Reading

We will do whole class reading **every day**. The children will work as a whole class, reading a range of texts that will help extend their literary understanding.

The children will change their home reading books on a given day. Children will choose a book of free choice to enjoy at home.

Please try to read with your child every day at home for at least ten minutes. Please feel free to give feedback about how they got on, or the difficulty level of the reading book. We appreciate all parental feedback.

Dates for the Diary:

**Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th
November- Parents evening**

Thursday 17th November- Library trip

Friday 18th November- Children in need. Children to come to school in pyjamas, something spotty or children in need clothing. Please donate what you can.

Friday 25th November- INSET day

Saturday 10th December- Rockliffe's Winter fair