



## Year 5 Newsletter Autumn 2017

Miss O'Reilly

Welcome to Year 5. Your child's teacher is Miss O'Reilly, Lorraine is the member of support staff working with the class and Mrs McMillan will also be working very closely with our class, taking out small groups of children for focused sessions.

At the beginning of this term, we are working on a whole school theme of "London". We will then be working on the theme of "Invaders and Settlers", and each of our subjects will interlink with this core theme.

### English

In English this term, we will begin by focusing on our whole school theme "London". We will be writing creatively about London landmarks and people who live in London. We will also be looking at a number of core texts, starting with C.S Lewis' *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe* (The Chronicles of Narnia). We will also explore other core texts such as 'The Saga of Erik the Viking' and create our own narratives and diaries, explanation texts and newspaper articles.

### Maths

Some of the topics we will be covering in Maths are place value, decimals, multiplication, division, fractions, percentages, measurement and statistics, mass and capacity, position and direction. You can help at home by practising all the times tables and the matching division facts, as this will help children in many of the above areas.

Theme Based Learning- We are learning about "Invaders and Settlers". We will be carrying out lots of cross-curricular work related to this topic, as well as going on trips to further extend our understanding.

Science - Our topic is "properties and changes of materials". We will focus on learning about mixing, separating and burning materials, as well as reversible and irreversible changes.

Art - In conjunction with our theme this term, we will be looking at colour, shape and pattern, linked to Roman and Viking patterns. We will also create our own shields and longboats, as part of our Design Technology topic.

### Notices

- This half term, Year 5 will be going swimming every Wednesday – they will need to bring their swimming costumes/trunks, goggles and swimming hats.
- Homework will be work related to the topics we are studying in class and current affairs. It is essential that homework is completed on time and that the presentation of the work is of a high standard. Details of when homework is due in will be written in the children's journals.
- Children should read every night and write an account of what they have read in their reading journals – these journals are where homework is written and parents should sign them every week to say their child has read and completed the homework tasks given.
- Our class assembly is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm: we hope you can join us for this celebration.

