



Kirkstall St Stephen's

C of E (VA) Primary School

Autumn 1 2025 Year 5

It has been great to see the children return to school this week so much energy and enthusiasm. We have certainly had a busy start this week and we have thrown ourselves into new topics in a variety of areas. These have included learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in history, drawing portraits in art and learning about the media in PSHE. Our writing focus this half term is a narrative piece and we are using Tony Bradman's brilliant book 'Viking Boy' as inspiration for our work. Pupils have been enjoying using their reading journals in class when reading our class book choice of 'Uncle Gobb'. We look forward to lots of PE this half term and will have golf sessions with MVMNT on **Tuesday** and Friday.



English

In **English**, we will be working hard to produce short, high-quality pieces, across a range of genres. Our first piece will be a narrative focus based on 'Viking Boy', followed by poetry using imagery.



Maths

In **Maths**, we will focus on place value and be looking at understanding numbers up to 1,000,000 including ordering, comparing and rounding.



Science

In '**science**' our learning focus is 'Forces'. Here we will be learning about Isaac Newton and his discoveries. We will also be planning and conducting our own experiments around air resistance.



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History

Our enquiry question is:
How was life in Britain shaped by the Anglo-Saxon and Scot invasions?

We will be exploring this question by learning about why, where and when the Scots and Anglo-Saxons invaded and how they influenced it Britain.



PE

Our PE sessions this half term will be Tuesday for **Golf** delivered by MVMNT, Friday for **Dance**.



Art

In **Art**, pupils will explore drawing and look at **portraits**. We will first evaluate some famous portraits before learning some skills which we can apply into our own self portrait.

Other areas of the curriculum

In **RE**, we will be exploring the story of Moses.

In **Computing**, we will be learning how to search effectively.

In **Music**, pupils will be learning how to play the Ukulele with Mr Jennings.

In **French** our unit focus is 'Pets'.

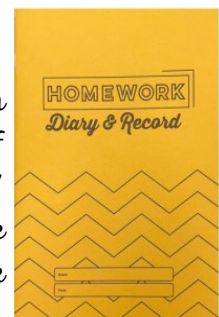
In **PSHE**, we will learn about the misleading messages within the media.

Homework Diaries

The children should have their homework diary with them every day. Please encourage your child to record their home reading in the diary section. We expect 4 entries per week with a parent signature please. Thank you.

Homework

Weekly homework (to be handed in on Fridays). This will consist of spellings, a maths or grammar/punctuation activity and a creative homework option. First homework will be given to children in week 2.



Reading books: Check out the website below for some top reading recommendations.

www.thereaderteacher.com/year5