



# Autumn 1 2026 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 forces in science. Our writing focus this half term is narrative piece and we are using Tony Bradman's brilliant book 'Viking Boy' as inspiration for our work. Pupils have been really enjoying this text and it is helping us to develop our history knowledge. We look forward to lots of PE this half term and will have sessions with MVMNT on **Tuesday** and with Mr Malley on Wednesdays.



## 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. We will then progress onto addition and subtraction and multiplication and division.



## 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, Wednesday 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 key question of 'What does it mean if Christians believe God is Holy and loving?

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 begin a new unit 'Being me in my world'.

## Home Learning

Pupils should have their yellow 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.

**IXL:** We now have an online learning platform IXL. This allows your child to access teacher set work or explore objectives at home. Your child should of received a guide and username and password card. The school log in page is:

<https://uk.ixl.com/signinkirkstallststephens>.



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

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