



# A Bright Future For Myself, My School and My Community



## **ENGLISH**

**Reading:** Year 5 children are focusing on retrieving information from narrative and non-fiction texts. The children are practising dictionary and note-taking skills.

**Extended Writing:** The Year 5 pupils will continue to develop their narrative writing through the use of the film Jotun – Journey of a Viking. <https://www.literacysshed.com/jotun.html> Following our DT work, pupils will produce a set of instructions.

## **Maths**

Year 5 children will develop their use of the four operations to solve problems. Children will be focusing on developing multiplication and division using both mental and formal methods. The children need to know the multiplication and division facts, as well as using place value to find other known facts, e.g.  $5 \times 3 = 15$ ,  $50 \times 3 = 150$ .

## **Science**

The children will secure their understanding of forces in everyday life. Through investigations, children will explore air and water resistance. They will be justifying outcomes of investigations using graphs and tables. The children will also be partaking in an exciting citizen science investigation called 'What's under your feet' with the aim of developing practical science skills.

## **PE:**

Children will focus on a range of creative static balance skills as part of the 'REAL PE' program; will continue with dance lessons and will have weekly outdoor sporting activities focused on netball and basketball.

## Theme: Invaders and Settlers: Vicious Vikings

### **History**

This term, children will learn about the Vikings Great Britain. They will be learning about Vikings everyday life; religious beliefs; how some English Kings dealt with the Vikings and what Viking warriors were like.

### **Art & Design:**

Children will be designing and making Viking longboats. The process will involve sketching, assessing and understanding properties of different materials and making models of Viking longboats.

### **Music:**

The children will learn about 'The Planets' (by Holst) and how to listen to music with attention to detail. They will learn to appreciate and understand music drawn from different traditions, great composers and musicians. They will also be composing a piece of music based on the 'The Planets.'

### **Foreign languages – Spanish**

The children will build on their basic vocabulary and how to use this in written Spanish.

### **RE**

Year 5 will study the Christmas Story comparing different accounts of the event. Children will also be visiting St Mary's Church in Slough to learn about the importance of All Saints' Day.

## **PSHE**

Year 5 will cover the theme of 'Celebrating Difference and Diversity' and our School Values.

## **Computing**

The children will be developing their basic computer literacy skills using PowerPoint software.

## **Important Information**

Value of the month

November: Trust

December: Generosity

## **Homework:**

Year 5 will receive homework on Fridays. The homework is on the school website (Website: children → homework → Year 5). Children must complete homework to the very highest standard. Children who do not complete their homework at home will be required to do so in school in their break and lunchtimes.

## **PE kits:**

Children must have PE kits in school each day (shorts/leggings, T shirt and plimsolls or trainers (in a named bag.) They will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed.

## **Water bottles:**

Children may bring a named small water bottle into school if they wish.

## **Uniform:**

Children must be dressed as stated in the uniform policy, including appropriate hair bands, socks and shoes. Please look at the policy to make sure that your child is.  
<http://www.stmarys.slough.sch.uk/parents/policies/>

**Please find your child's teacher after school if you have any concerns or questions. We are always happy to help!**



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