

Dates for your diary:

Meet the Teacher
11th September, 3.30pm,
The Lodge

Half Term
26th Oct 2026 – 30th Nov
2026

Last day of term
18th Dec 2026

Parents Evening:
21st October 3:30 – 7:00

If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher, please wait until the class have been dismissed at the end of the day. Alternatively, please call the school office to schedule an appointment.

Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 1



Heroes & Villains: The Anglo-Saxons

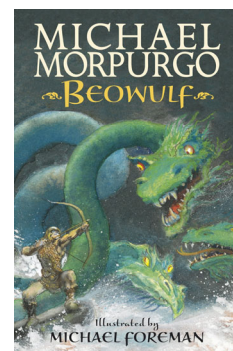
Welcome to Year 5!

Our first topic this year is 'Heroes and Villains'. We will be focusing on the Anglo-Saxons, learning about who they were, where they came from, what Britain was like during the period and how they interacted with the Vikings. In class, we will be reading *Beowulf* by Michael Morpurgo and using it as the stimulus for our own stories about warriors and monsters. We are hopefully planning a trip to the British Museum where children will be able to see many of the artefacts from the famous Sutton Hoo ship burial.

Please continue to practice times tables with your children at home—they still have access to Times Tables Rock Stars. In Maths, we will be focusing on number and place value this term.

In Science, children will be learning about forces, particularly gravity, friction and resistance. In RE, we will be learning about Judaism, focusing on learning about the synagogue. Our PE topics are dance and outdoor adventurous activities. These are both great activities for helping children get to know their new classes.

It is going to be a busy and exciting term and we cannot wait to get started!



September's school value is
RESPECT.

October's is
COOPERATION.



We expect children to show the school values inside and outside of school. Please encourage your child to discuss these values at home too.

PE Information

Your child should wear their PE kit to school on PE days. They will keep it on all day. As children get older, it is increasingly important to maintain good personal hygiene by showering regularly and using deodorant/antiperspirant.

PE kit consists of:

- black leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- a plain t-shirt in the colour of their house team
- black trainers (no bright laces)
- a jumper for outdoor PE (children can wear their school jumper over their PE t-shirt; hoodies are not permitted)

PE Days

Aspen: Tuesday and Thursday

Hawthorn: Wednesday and Friday

Rowan: Monday and Tuesday

Maple: Wednesday and Friday

Meet the Year 5 Team

Miss Chapman

Aspen Class

Year 5 Team Leader

Ms Aoumeur

Aspen Class

Mr Lee

Hawthorn Class

Miss Chowdhury

Rowan Class

Miss Marcelle

Maple Class

Immersion Day:

We will be having an Anglo-Saxon Immersion Day on the 14th September and we would love to encourage you to dress up! It is not compulsory and we do not expect people to buy anything.

Here are some simple ideas you could try:



Reading Recommendations

Reading is just as important in Year 5 as it was when children were first learning to read! We want children to be reading every day at home. Older children can still benefit from adults reading to them and with them too.

Here are some recent recommendations. Children can borrow books from school to bring home. Why not also try Plumstead library or even listening to an audiobook?

