

YEAR 5 SPRING NEWSLETTER 2026

Mrs Wallace Mon-Thurs, Mr Hutton Fri

Welcome back to the Spring term. I hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year. This term brings two exciting new topics which the children will be studying – firstly, “Our Changing World” will be our geography focus and after that, we will begin exploring “The Vikings”.

In our ‘Our Changing World’ topic, children will explore the following:

- Weathering and erosion.
- Coastal features and changes.
- Changing landscapes and borders.

In our ‘Vikings’ topic, children will explore...

- Why they voyaged and invaded.
- Lindisfarne.
- The Battle of Hastings.
- Anglo Saxons.

In music, children will be developing their skills on the ukulele by learning the correct hold, strumming and simple chords. In PHSE we will be learning about friendships and relationships

One of our class texts this term will be ‘A Galaxy of Her Own: Amazing Stories of Women in Space’. From small steps to giant leaps, A Galaxy of Her Own tells fifty stories of inspirational women who have been fundamental to the story of humans in space, from scientists to astronauts to some surprising roles in between.

After half term we will be reading ‘Arthur and the Golden Rope’ by Joe Todd-Stanton. An exciting graphic novel set in Viking times, including encounters with Loki and Thor.

Character Education

RESPECT characteristics are at the heart of the curriculum at New Delaval. Mrs Wallace will be leading Year 5’s Character Education assemblies on Mondays. The characteristics the whole school will be focusing on this term are: Self-Awareness and Resilience.

Our science topics this term will be Earth and Space followed by Forces. Week 2 of Spring term 1 is STEM week.

Organisation: Year 5W need to make sure their reading book is in every day. Their diary will be checked on a Thursday-it needs to be signed by a parent/carer and have evidence of at least three reading comments.

PE will be on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

Homework will be handed out on a **Wednesday** and should be completed by Tuesday. Pupils who do not hand in homework/have diary signed/have correct PE kit must attend homework break.

Spellings will still be tested half termly, with a spelling bee at the end of the half term.