

YEAR 5 SPRING NEWSLETTER 2026

Welcome back Year 5 and I hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year! In 2026 we will keep working on our New Delaval characteristics – Resilience, Empathy, Self-Awareness, Positivity, Excellence, Communication and Teamwork. This term brings two exciting new topics which we will be studying. Firstly, 'Our Changing World' will be our focus and after that we will begin exploring 'The Vikings'.

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

- Coasts and their changing physical features.
- The reason behind these changes and the impact.
- How countries and their borders have changed and why.
- How has Blyth changed in the past 100 years?

In our Vikings topic, children will consider...

- The historical impact of the Vikings.
- How Britain dealt with the invaders.
- How Vikings lived and worked.
- The different Viking Gods and Viking artefacts.

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.

Other goings on in Year 5:

- NUF sessions
- Basketball sessions in PE delivered by Newcastle Eagles.
- Lots of Reading Plus opportunities.
- 5-minute maths challenges.
- French (Languagenut), Music and Computing
- Dr Bike classroom sessions.
- Lego STEM week!

Our science topics this term will be the Earth and space, followed by Forces.

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

PE will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Homework will be handed out by Thursday and expected in on a Monday. The consequence of not handing in is staying in to complete the homework at break. Consequences will be increasing for those who persistently do not hand in their homework. Extra Reading Plus/Rockstars is also encouraged.

Spellings will still be tested half termly, with a spelling bee at the end of the half term. A new list will go home this week.