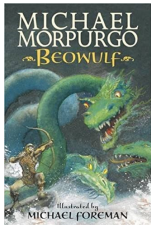




# Year 5: Autumn 1: The Anglo-Saxons & Vikings

## Welcome to Year 5!

We are very excited to welcome you all back to Talavera - or welcome you for the first time! As a year team, we are passionate about making sure your child receives exciting and inspiring education, which will help them to reach their full potential.



This half-term, our topic is the Anglo-Saxons & Vikings; for this topic, we will be stepping back in time with a drama workshop, an opportunity to raze an Anglo-Saxon village to the ground and to experience life as a peasant! Our writing hook this half-term time is the gory story of Beowulf - a tale of power, hope and revenge! We're sure that your child will love it.



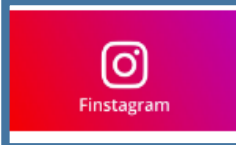
## ATTENDANCE:

As you can see from our learning, Year 4 is full to the brim and includes professional music lessons each week to learn an instrument.



For this reason, attendance throughout the year is vital. We understand that there are times when children are poorly but, as a school, we aim for attendance to be above 97%.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY



You will know that to use Instagram your child should be 13 years old. However, we know that some of you may have decided that your child can use it with your supervision. If this is the case, please be aware of children having a "Finstagram". This is a fake Instagram account which can be used to hide from parents/ carers. When you're checking your child's phone to make sure they're safe, open Instagram, tap their profile photo and then their name at the top of the screen. Any other accounts they're signed in to will appear. Please be aware that there have been reports of children sharing Finsta accounts.

## KEY DATES

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September** - First day back
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September** - Mental Wellbeing Champions assembly
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September** - Anglo-Saxon Drama workshop
- W/C 18<sup>th</sup> September** - Aspiration week
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** - Azaylia Foundation Fundraiser
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** - Tug of War House competition
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October** - Year 5 IEP drop-ins
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** - Fijian day
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October** - Macmillan Cake Sale
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** - Talavera treat (selected children)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - Whole school Cross Country event
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - Last day of Half-term

## Autumn 1 (7 weeks) The Anglo-Saxons

Stimulus: Anglo-Saxon drama workshop

History: Anglo-Saxons & Vikings

English text: Beowulf

Class reader: The Nothing to See Here Hotel

Computing: Scratch & Microbits

RE: Creation

Music: Tuned instruments—orchestrating a Beowulf scene

French: Welcome to Morocco!

Art: Printing

Indoor PE: Dance

Outdoor PE: Rugby

Science: Fossils

DT: Mechanical systems (creating a well)

PSHE: Coping with emotions & Photography unit

## Physical Education:

P.E. is a vital part of our curriculum, a government requirement and a subject our children enjoy. However, to ensure children are able to fully participate, it is vital that children remember their PE kit.

Although we understand some children wear their P.E. kit to clubs, their kit should be in school **every day**.

## PE Kit



Here is an example of our indoor PE uniform.

For outdoor PE, in cold weather, children can wear red or black jumpers. They can also wear leggings or tracksuit bottoms.

Please make sure that your child has socks and trainers as part of their outdoor PE kit too.

## Talavera Smart

Please see below the reminder of school uniform expectations which was previously sent out in July. Upon your child starting, please ensure all uniform and PE kit is named to avoid lost items!



**Red school jumper, branded from Edgar Jerome.**

**White polo shirt**

**Black school skirt, shorts or trousers**

Please note: leggings are not school uniform.

## School shoes:

Your child needs to wear plain, black shoes. Please see some examples below. Contact us if you're not sure.



## Homework

Parent support is crucial to a child's education. By working together, we can support your child to make great progress and prepare them for the challenges of Year 6.

In Year 5, homework consists of a weekly Mathematics questions sent home in an orange book for arithmetic practise and an English task (paper sheet). Both are set on a Tuesday and due in the following Monday.

5 'rule breakers' or tricky words will be set on a Monday and children know to record these to take home for extra practise. We also ask that you continue to practise times tables recall with your children regularly and continue to use TT Rockstars.



Finally, we ask that you ensure they are reading either a school book or a book from home **at least 3 times per week** and then completing a double-page spread in their scrap book.

## Reading:

This year, we have a whole school focus on reading for pleasure. Please remember: children are free to borrow books from our in school library or using the SORA app run by Hampshire library service that the school has paid the subscription for. On this platform, children can borrow a range of books including comics and audio books. Please also remember that it is free to sign up to Aldershot library where children can borrow additional books. Below are some books which are linked to our learning this half-term which your child may enjoy; many of these are available on SORA.

