

Year 5 Guide



Spring Term

2020

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Spring Term in Year Five

This term, we continue our history learning with a study of the Vikings during our '**Dragons and Danes**' topic. We will be learning about how they invaded Anglo-Saxon Britain and key historical events that took place during this era. We hope to display some of our work at The Andover Iron Age Museum later in the term! In the second half of the Spring Term our topic will be '**The Circle of Life**'. During this topic we'll be increasing our scientific knowledge as we investigate life cycles.

As always, we are on the lookout for children who go 'Above and Beyond' in following instructions, embracing learning tasks and treating others with kindness and respect.

Maths

This term we will be developing a deeper understanding of counting, partitioning and securing number facts. We will also be exploring fractions and studying geometry as well as looking at relationships and patterns in number and applying skills to real life problems. This will be underpinned by an on-going focus on children learning their tables. We encourage children to continue using Times Table Rock Stars, which can be downloaded as an app on phones/tablets. This can be a great way to motivate children to learn their tables.

Reading:

We hope that your child is enjoying the wonderful range of books from our school library! As well as the Book Bingo and Project X books going home, we have a selection of 'Read Around' topic books in the classroom that the children have been getting stuck into during class reading sessions. Many of these are non-fiction books linked to our history topics and we love to hear the new facts that the children have discovered.

We hope that your child will have the opportunity to read at least 4 times a week to you. This should be recorded in their diary. The diaries are checked every week and the class where the most children have successfully achieved this are awarded with the 'Shield of Success'!

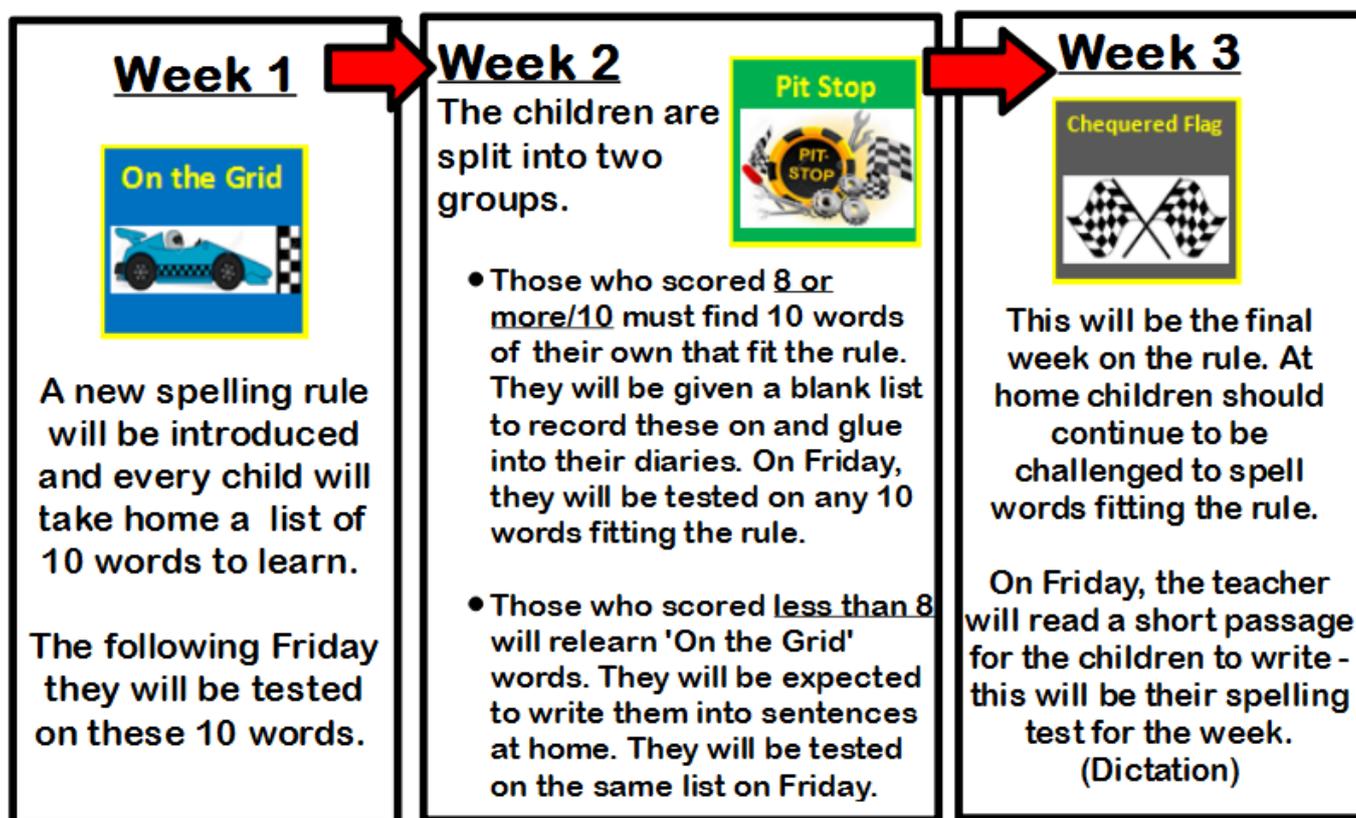
Book Bingo is a reading scheme that aims to encourage children to read, understand and enjoy a wide range of suitably challenging books. All children will take part in Book Bingo this year. If your child reads Project X books, they will complete tasks about these books. Free readers will complete tasks about books from the Book Bingo list. If your child is not getting on with Project X, then please see their class teacher. Children should read either their Project X book or Book Bingo book at home and in school. Books from the list have been selected as high-quality texts which link to year group topics. We hold all of the titles in our school library for children to borrow. Children then complete comprehension tasks from the Book Bingo card for each book. There will be time provided in school for this, but

children are also welcome to complete tasks at home. When children complete an activity, they earn a raffle ticket. This raffle ticket goes into a class tin. Each half term, a name is pulled from the tin in celebration assembly to win a prize!

Spelling:

We believe it is essential for children to thoroughly learn spelling rules and be able to use these spellings correctly in their independent writing. Our spelling curriculum is structured to support this approach to the learning of spellings.

Spelling: This follows a 3 week structure



PE:

PE kit will be needed on **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday** this term, although we advise having it in school Monday to Friday. Long trousers (jogging bottoms or leggings) and long sleeved tops are recommended for colder weather when we venture outdoors! This clothing will also be particularly helpful on days when we take part in Forest School activities in our onsite forest on the school field. Earrings should be taken out and preferably left at home, or covered with tape, and long hair must be tied back for health and safety reasons.

Other subjects:

- We are excited to begin our music lessons with Hampshire Music Service who will be joining us once a week to teach us how to play the Ukulele! We will be hosting a mini-concert for family at the end of the term.
- During the first half of the term we will be doing some exciting Science investigations to develop our understanding of forces (friction, air resistance and water resistance).
- In Computing, children will explore a variety of ways to use and present data and will revisit the importance of staying safe online. They will also be making use of a variety of digital media, such as video editing.
- In RE, we will be learning about events and traditions in Christianity and Islam, with a particular focus on sacred places.
- In Art, we will be creating Viking models using a variety of paper techniques, such as paper mache and origami.
- We have a growth mindset attitude to learning and will be encouraging children to approach their learning with perseverance and resilience. We will be considering how to manage risks and pressures to ensure we make safe and positive decisions.

Other reminders:

Labelling Equipment:

Please continue to mark you child's name clearly in their uniform, PE kit, pencil cases, drink bottles and lunch boxes. This makes life much easier when returning lost property. Children should not bring in toys or precious items from home.

Diaries:

Diaries are an important form of home/school communication and should be in school each day and taken home each night. We expect children's diaries to be signed to show their **4 reading sessions** and **4 tables practices** and we request that this be recorded on the weekly diary page. Any comments/questions you may have can also be recorded here. Diaries will be checked every Friday and the three classes will be competing to win the 'Shield of Success' for the most amount of children successfully completing their reading and times table practice.

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