

Stakeford Primary School

Information for Parents

Autumn Term Year 5



ENGLISH

Children in Year 5 will focus on the following units this term:

- Biographies
- Poetry Anthologies
- Recounts and diaries
- Shakespeare
- Darwin's dragons

SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR

Year Five will have targeted sessions each week focussing on key aspects of spelling, punctuation and grammar. Pupils will be encouraged to practice the skills and apply their knowledge to written tasks across the curriculum. Spelling words will be assigned on Monday and checked on Friday each week.

Children will focus on the following new learning this term:

- Proper Nouns
- Adverbs of Possibility
- Converting Nouns and Adjectives into Verbs
- Tenses
- Possessive Plural Apostrophes
- Expanded Noun Phrases
- Verb Prefixes
- Verb Inflections
- Inverted Commas

Spelling Patterns:

- Words ending 'cious' (shuhs)
- Short and long /i/ sounds spelt with y
- Homophones and Near-Homophones
- Silent Letters
- Words ending 'ment'
- Adverbs of frequency

In **GEOGRAPHY** children will be exploring different types of mountains and how they are formed. Children will learn how to describe the type of weather that occurs on mountains and how mountains affect life on earth.

READING

Children will have opportunities to read independently in class, encouraging them to make choices and read for enjoyment. In addition, they will develop their comprehension skills using shorter texts and targeted tasks. This will allow children the opportunity to read and share their ideas through discussion, both as a class and in small groups.

Children should read **daily** at home for around 10 – 15 minutes each time. We encourage parents to write comments in the yellow reading records so we know how your child gets on at home. Please make sure your child has both their book and record in school every day.

MATHS

This term, children in Year 3 will focus on the following topics in Maths:

- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division

Children will also have daily opportunities to practise and build on fluency skills and problem solving. This will support children to develop in confidence, as well as ability.

In **SCIENCE** children will focus on the unit 'Properties and Changes of Materials' in Autumn 1. This unit allows pupils to investigate the properties of different materials through experimentation. It will focus on how to design and carry out experiments by controlling and measuring different variables.

In Autumn 2 children will focus on the unit 'Animals Including Humans'. Children will learn about the life cycle of a human being. They will investigate the development of babies and compare the gestation period of humans and other animals. They will learn about the changes experienced during puberty and why these occur. The final investigation will be about the changes to the body as humans get older, as well as comparing the life expectancy of different animals.

In the **ART** module 'Wildlife' children will be building different artistic skills. This includes how to use pencil, white pencil, print, make clay tiles and model to create quality art work that shows progression.

In **DT** children will be developing a recipe. They will consider how recipes can be adapted to improve nutritional values by modifying a traditional Bolognese sauce. They will work on preparing ingredients, designing food labels and finally make a

Children will also look at and explore different mountain ranges across the globe.	Bolognese sauce.
In HISTORY children will explore Viking life. They will explain where Vikings came from and name Viking trade routes. Children will also evaluate the impact of the Viking achievements in Britain.	In COMPUTING children will looking closely at online safety. In Autumn 2, they will investigate how search engines work and develop effective searching skills to find relevant and accurate information online.
In RE children will be looking at forgiveness and the role it plays in different world religions. In Autumn 2, they will be learning about the significance of Christmas in Christianity.	In PE children will be attending swimming lessons each Monday. They MUST bring a swimming kit and are welcome to bring goggles and a swimming cap if they wish.
In PSHE/RSE children identify their achievements so far as well as new goals and aspirations they would like to achieve. It will focus on 'Aiming High' and developing their sense of self-belief. In addition, they will be exploring what it means to be safe and how they can support that in themselves.	