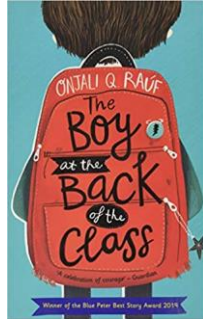


What's happening in Year Five?

Our fabulous theme this half-term is the Anglo- Saxons.

During our Guided Reading lessons, we will be reading 'The Boy at the Back of the Class', which is a wonderful book about friendship and kindness. In this text, we will explore war, displacement and the huge hurdles that refugee children face, as they settle into new lives - usually many hundreds of miles from their home country.



In Maths, we will be focussing on fractions. We will be learning about unit and non-unit fractions, improper fractions and mixed numbers, as well as how to convert these. We will then look at adding and subtracting mixed numbers and fractions.

Every child, in year 5, is expected to read for 30 minutes, each and every day (This could be spread throughout the day to take advantage of moments of free time). Everyone, should be bringing a reading book home with them, from either the school library or the class book corner. We will be visiting Cosham library again this half-term, and this will increase the access the children have to great literature. We have also improved our school library and have lots of new exciting books that the children can borrow. In addition to this, all children have access to the E-library, so that they can explore even more texts. We are currently ranked first, in Portsmouth, for children accessing reading material this way so congratulations to all on this achievement !

This reading will be monitored through the use of accelerated reader quizzes. Children can also complete a good quality book review for any texts that are not yet on the AR system. At the end of the half-term, the children who have met their target will receive a reading certificate and a reading reward for their fantastic achievement.



The link & QR code to AR is below; you may be asked to put in an ID code - this is RP-17187959.

Link - [Accelerated Reader Quizzes](#)



Why are the Anglo-Saxons important, even today?

As part of our Design and Technology, we will be investigating the size and shape of ship hull designs. Examining the impact on what they can carry and then designing our own longboats with the aim of supporting the greatest load. Let the competition begin!!

Our English adventure this half-term, will see us creating informative biographies about famous refugees and writing persuasive letters to the government about the injustices and hardships faced by refugees today. We will be posting these letters to the prime minister! Our creative writing task will be to write an amazing adventure story - as a closing chapter to our recent Guided Reading text: Freeze.

In Science, we will examine animals including humans with a focus on the development and timeline of mammals lives. This unit culminates in us seeing the development of humans into old age.

In History, we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons. We will be looking at how they have influenced our lives today. We will learn about settlements, the roles of men and women, primary and secondary sources and take a trip to Butser Ancient Farm.

Children need to bring their PE kit (red t-shirt and black shorts; tracksuits can be worn in colder weather) to school each Monday. Please ensure it is **ALL NAMED** clearly. They will leave this at school over the week, and will bring it home for washing on Fridays. They also need a pair of labelled wellington boots, in a carrier bag, to leave in school for Forest school sessions.