



September 2018

Dear parent/carer

We would like to welcome all our new pupils, and their families, to our school.

This year, the Year 5 teaching team comprises:

- Miss Griffin (5HG)
- Miss Walker (5SW)
- Mrs Munro (5RM)
- Mrs Hall (5DH)

We also have three Teaching Assistants, Mrs Randall, Mrs Williams and Mrs Rawlings, working with us.

Starting off as we intend to continue, we will be working very hard and expecting great things from our pupils. High standards are set in all areas especially behaviour, academic work and appearance, with consideration for others being a key element in our Church of England School. Children who encounter difficulties coping with any aspect of school life are sensitively helped in a variety of positive ways. We want every child to develop and maintain high self-esteem. School uniform is an important aspect of gaining this sense of pride and we do ask parents to ensure that all pupils are correctly attired for school.

For the first half term we will be focused on lives of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We will primarily focus on History related to this topic.

We will be:

- Investigating how and why the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain.
- Learning how the Anglo-Saxons have influenced today's society.
- Learning about the arrival of the Vikings.

During the second half term, we will be focused on the geographical features of rivers; how these are formed and why rivers are important.

We will be completing artwork in graphite, focusing on:

- Identifying and using techniques such as hatching, cross-hatching and stippling.
- Developing sketching skills.
- Recognising how different pencil grades create different shades.

We shall also be completing a design technology project, in which the children will design and make their own felt phone case.

This year, each year 5 class will be heading to Everyone Active, Berkhamsted to complete an 8 week course of swimming lessons. 5SW will be starting their lessons on Tuesday 11 September, further running order and information will follow. It will be very important for the children to remember their swimming kits on their swimming day.

We already know the interest you take in your child's work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses and let them teach you. If your child has some work to research, please help them, but without actually doing the work.

By the end of the term, we hope your child has had an enjoyable time in the classroom and we hope you have enjoyed seeing your child work with enthusiasm. If you have any comments about the work your child has done, please get in touch.

If you have any other questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us either at the beginning/end of the day, through the office or via your child's contact book.

We look forward to meeting you at our 'Meet the teacher evening' on Monday 10 September at 7.30pm for a brief presentation, followed by an opportunity to ask questions and meet each other.

Yours sincerely

Miss Griffin      Miss Walker      Mrs Munro      Mrs Hall