

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

May 2026



HALF TERMLY UPDATE

We have thoroughly enjoyed the warmer weather and sunny days during the first half of the Summer Term. We began our learning with a series of exciting workshops, which created many memorable 'wow' moments for the children. During our Viking workshop, the children had the opportunity to handle replica artefacts and greatly enjoyed exploring Viking myths through drama. We certainly saw some budding actors in the performances at the end.

In the classroom, our science learning has focused on life cycles. The children have begun an experiment to investigate how plants can reproduce from cuttings. We look forward to observing how the roots develop and considering which conditions may affect this process. It was wonderful to link this learning to our Earth Day activity, where the children recycled bottles to create plant pots. We particularly enjoyed being able to go outside and pot our plants in the sunshine.

We also started an exciting new class text, 'High-Rise Mystery' by Sharna Jackson. As we move further into the Summer Term, we are encouraging the children to think carefully about their writing targets and to incorporate these independently into their work. In mathematics, the children have been learning about statistics, answering questions based on a range of data.

As we look ahead to the remainder of the term, we are excited to continue building on the children's enthusiasm for learning across all subjects. We are proud of the effort and resilience they have shown so far, and we look forward to seeing their confidence and independence grow even further.



This half-term, Year 5 have enjoyed:

- ★ A computing workshop with Roke
- ★ A Viking workshop
- ★ Earth day upcycling project

NEXT HALF-TERM

Next half term, Year 5 will be getting active outdoors as we begin our cricket and netball units in PE. We are excited to make the most of the warmer weather and develop our teamwork, coordination and game-play skills. Children will have plenty of opportunities to practise, refine and apply what they learn in small-sided games.

In literacy, we will be exploring non-chronological reports. The children will read a range of examples to understand how they are structured before planning and writing their own. In maths, we will be completing our work on shape and space before moving on to new topics, including negative numbers, converting units and calculating volume. These areas will help strengthen the children's reasoning and problem-solving skills.

In geography, our enquiry question will be "Why does population change?" We will investigate the factors that influence population growth and decline, and consider how these changes affect different places around the world. As we move towards the end of the year, we will also be focusing on preparing the children for the transition into Year 6, helping them build confidence, independence and readiness for the challenges ahead.

P.E. LESSONS NEXT HALF TERM:

Beech: Tuesday and Friday
Cedar: Wednesday and Thursday
Rowan: Monday and Thursday



KEY DATES:

June

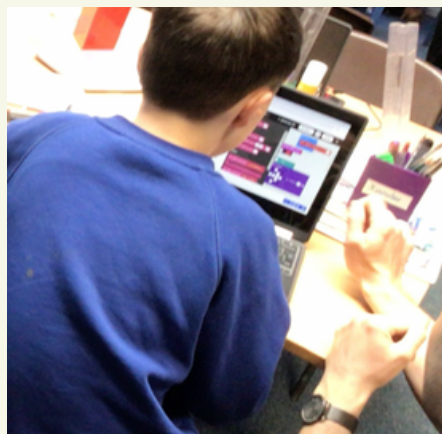
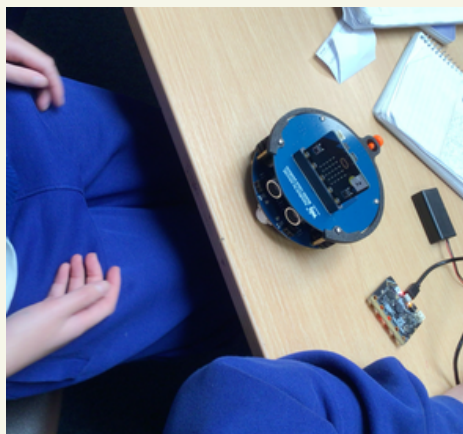
Monday 1st : Return to school, 8:30am
Tuesday 9th : OPAL open afternoon, parents invited 2pm
Saturday 13th: PTA Good As New uniform sale, Horsell Junior School, 10:00 - 11:30
Wednesday 17th: Sports Day (weather dependent, parents/carers invited to watch)
Friday 19th: PTA Mufti Day and Summer Fair Donations
Monday 29th INSET day

July

Saturday 4th July: PTA Summer Fair
Tuesday 14th : Year 3-5 PTA disco
Thursday 16th : Year 3 -5 Prize giving
Friday 17th : Last day of term. 1:30pm finish.

WOW WORK!

Year 5 took part in an exciting hands-on workshop with Roke (Ross, Anthony and Kieran). They worked alongside the children, guiding them through the process of creating their very own Micro:bit controllers. The pupils were able to programme and operate robots, bringing their learning to life in a fun and engaging way. The workshop sparked great enthusiasm, with children demonstrating excellent teamwork, problem-solving skills and creativity throughout.



At the start of this term, we were visited by Past Productions who delivered a fantastic 'Viking workshop' for us. We met a 'Viking raider' who taught us all about what life was like during those times. He also showed us that Vikings were not all fierce raiders, but traders, settlers and inventors too.



We celebrated 'Earth Day' this term and enjoyed recycling and reusing plastic bottles to create our own planters instead!

