



# Jessie Younghusband School

## Year 5 – Summer Term – Curriculum Letter 2021

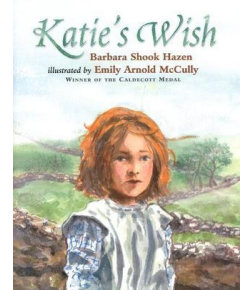
Welcome to the Year 5 curriculum letter, within which you will find useful information about the forthcoming term. We are hopefully edging towards a more 'normal' school term in the summer. and we are looking forward to taking part in some of more the fun and exciting activities that we have traditionally taken part in at this time of the year. We are extremely excited about it!

### **Reminders:**

- As we move back to changing for our PE lessons, please ensure that **full JYS PE kit** is in school all week from Monday morning. It will then be sent home each Friday to completely clear the cloakroom and to allow the kit to be washed. To ensure that any 'found' items can be returned to their owners promptly, please ensure that your child's P.E. kit and other school clothing is **clearly named**.
- A short Home Learning activity will be set on a Friday to be returned by the following Friday. Thank you for your support with signing off home learning tasks and encouraging your child to hand their home learning in on time.
- Every Friday, the children will start to bring home spellings again. We are also continuing to work on all of the times tables, so the children will be tested on them all, a little each week. These will be tested on Friday. Regular practise of these at home is **absolutely essential** for improving and maintaining speed and accuracy of recall – again, thank you for your continued support with this.
- Regular reading aloud continues to be essential in Year 5 – supporting your child by listening to them read and engaging with them on the content of their reading material will help them to make progress. Daily reading material will include your child's school book, but can of course extend to texts such as other reading books, newspapers, recipe books, magazines/comics or joke books.

### **Last term:**

The Spring Term was an unusual one for Year 5, although we still managed to learn about lots of our traditional topics, despite lockdown and Keyworker school being a tricky one to navigate. We learned about The Shang Dynasty, the Irish Potato Famine and Ancient Islamic Civilisations (incl. Baghdad), as well as engaging in Arty Tuesday every week, which I'm told everyone enjoyed enormously.



### **This term:**

This term promises to be another action packed term as we learn about the Vikings and Saxons this first half-term, and Rainforests in the final half term. We will encourage the children to continue to have on-going input into their learning regarding these themes; they will also choose how to present more of their work.

The Vikings and Saxons theme has a clear History focus, but also links to the English, Computing, D&T and art that we will be doing. The Rainforests topic has a Geography focus, with some extremely exciting exploration to be done whilst on our visit to the new Tropical House and rainforest area at Marwell Zoo.

We will also be rescheduling our day out at The Novium, which we won as part of the persuasive writing competition in Autumn 2020. Dates are yet to be confirmed.

Which brings us onto our most exciting piece of news yet...

### **Year 5 Camp 2021!**

Yes, it is happening! Despite being postponed twice, due to the pesky pandemic, the Year 5 children will finally be able to have their camping experience this summer. I am very pleased to announce that I have managed to fit all of our missed trips into the camp experience this year, so the theme this year will be, 'How much can we squeeze in?'

The dates of the camp will be Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021. Children will sleep-over at the camp on the Wednesday and Thursday nights. We intend to do Forest School activities on the Wednesday, Visit Marwell Zoo to see the Tropical House on the Thursday and a trip to Chichester Planetarium on the Friday. Evening activities will include games and singing round the campfire with toasted marshmallows- yummy!

### **Ideas for supporting your child's learning:**

- Useful websites for homework help include:  
<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/space.html> .
- Visiting the local library.
- Useful books to read include non-fiction texts about space and anything to do with science fiction.
- Continue to develop your child's mental maths with some quick-fire questions based on times tables (and their related division facts), addition and subtraction of 2 or 3 numbers, including questions with money, negative numbers and decimals.
- Explore measures in the context of home including telling the time (e.g. the 12- and 24-hour clock) cooking, baking and gardening.

### **Finally, does anyone:**

- Have any historical artefacts they would be happy to give or lend the school? We are trying to expand our library of physical resources for the children to handle. We would particularly appreciate items linked to our main themes of Space, the Romans, Geographical instruments, (compasses, maps, atlases, binoculars, telescopes etc), items related to Ancient Islam, the Vikings, Saxons, Rainforests, Earthquakes (If you can lend us anything for display in the classroom please name it in some way so that it can be returned to the owner!)
- Have a good DVD on space or Islamic Civilisations which we could borrow, or a music CD featuring space or Islamic sounds/music?
- Have time to support us on our trips or with our DT work?
- Have resources, knowledge or experience to share about ancient Islamic Civilisations or experience of visiting Baghdad?



We are looking forward to a super summer term – let's just hope we have good weather too!

Kind regards,

Mrs Cooke ☺