

KIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 1 NEWSLETTER 2025



Year 5

September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to offer you a warm welcome to the start of another fabulous year. The children have settled in well and are very busy with their daily timetable, making new friends and learning lots of new things.

Our Topic

Term 1: Anglo-Saxons

The start of Year 5 will have the children learning about the Anglo-Saxons. They will be investigating where they came from, where they lived and the type of lifestyle they had. It is a fascinating topic. The ambitious learning will be supported by an Anglo-Saxon day where children will get to experience many aspects of Saxon life. This was a highlight during last year's learning.

Maths and English

In maths lessons, children will be learning about rounding and ordering numbers up to six digits, contextual problems and 3D shapes.

In order to support your child, you could help them to revise their times tables and question them on their current daily learning, to help reinforce what they have learnt.

It would really support your child if they were confident with their times tables, as this term your child will need to be efficient at all tables up to and including the 12's as well as knowing related division facts. This would also help them in all other areas of Maths.

In English, we will be learning to write more persuasively, construct engaging reports, develop poetry skills and describe scenes.

In order to support your child, you could encourage them to read more to help enhance their vocabulary.

The spellings that your child will be learning this term can be accessed through our school website; it would be if you could help your child to learn these spellings. Please encourage your child to read at home every day and ask them questions about what they are reading at every opportunity.

PE

Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit.

For outdoor games, the children need plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt and trainers. During winter months a sweatshirt may be helpful in the colder weather.

For indoor PE, the children need plain black/navy shorts, and a plain white t-shirt.

Every item needs to be clearly labelled and in a bag that will remain in school every day. Kits will be taken home to be washed at the end of each term. No items should be taken home during the term as there may be sports trips for your child to experience that are not on the normal PE days.

Homework

Homework is set on a Wednesday and will continue to support your child's education. It will include weekly spelling investigations, Maths and some reading.

If there are ever any problems regarding the homework, please come and see a teacher as soon as possible.

Reading Plus

Reading Plus is an online reading program that helps children become better, more confident readers. It supports reading comprehension, vocabulary development, and reading fluency by giving students engaging texts that match their reading level and gradually increase in difficulty as they improve.

We will shortly be sending home your child's log in details for Reading Plus.

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Water Bottle

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school each day. Staying hydrated is essential for maintaining energy, concentration, and overall well-being throughout the school day.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING THIS TERM:

Key things that parents can do to support their child this term related to things they will be learning about:

- Why not follow the recipe below to make some local, historic food that dates back to Anglo-Saxon times?
- Using the images below, create some posters that could be used for a display at school. You could write words such as: Saxon, village, fire, Viking, home, King – all using the Futhark alphabet shown below.

Important Dates

02.09.25 – First day of Term 1
16.09.25 – Photographer in school
23.09.25 – Flu Immunisations
02.10.25 – Year 5 Harvest Festival at the church
06.10.25 – Y5 Saxon Day
14.10.25 – Parents' evening 3.30-6.30pm
15.10.25 – Parents' evening 3.30-5pm
17.10.25 – Last day of Term 1
03.11.25 – First day of Term 2

Yours sincerely

Mr Norton

Ms Houghton

Miss Roberts

Year 5 Class Teachers



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Make a local, historic food with your adults at home...

Try Lincolnshire Plum Bread

You will need...

- a large loaf tin, lined with parchment if you wish
 - 450g strong white bread flour
 - 1 tsp salt
 - 1 tsp allspice
 - 1 tsp ground cinnamon
 - 50g dark brown sugar
 - 7g sachet of easy-blend dry yeast
 - 100g sultanas
 - 100g raisins
 - 50g dried mixed peel {optional}
 - 300ml strong black tea {only 50ml will end up in the dough}
 - 75ml milk
 - 75g butter, melted
 - 2 free-range eggs, beaten.
1. Begin by soaking the sultanas, raisins and mixed dried peel (if using) in the strong tea. Set aside for half an hour while you gather and prepare the rest of the ingredients.
 2. Sift the flour into a large bowl, add the yeast, allspice, cinnamon, sugar and salt then use a whisk or your hands to combine them.
 3. Drain the fruit, reserving 50ml of the tea. Add the plumped-up fruit to the dry ingredients and give it another quick mix.
 4. Combine the 50ml of reserved tea with the milk, melted butter and beaten eggs and add most of it to the dry ingredients. Don't quite add it all straight away as it may not all be needed.

5. Use your hands to mix everything together, add the rest of the tea/milk/butter/egg mixture if it's too dry. It should come away from the sides of the bowl. Add a spot more of the cold milk if it still needs it.
6. Place the dough on a clean work surface then knead the dough for 5 to 10 minutes until smooth and elastic. Put a dot of oil into a clean bowl and roll the dough in it to coat. Cover with cling film or a damp towel then leave in a warm place for around an hour or two for it to prove and double in size.
7. Once the dough has risen nicely, give it another quick knead to knock the air back out of it. Flatten it out a bit then tuck the sides under to form a loaf shape. Drop into the loaf tin and loosely cover with oiled cling film. Return the loaf to a warm place for an hour or so for the dough to double in size again.
8. *Preheat the oven 190 C / gas 5 / 375 F*
9. Once the loaf has risen simply pop it into the preheated oven and bake for around 25 to 35 minutes. To check if it is baked, tip the loaf out of the tin and tap the base, it should sound hollow. Turn the oven down a little if it is starting to brown too quickly.
10. Cool the loaf on a wire rack before slicing.





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Make one more poster using collage as your medium.

Runes - The Elder Futhark



F Fehu
cattle,
wealth



U Uruz
aurochs,
strength



Th Thurisaz
giant,
thor



A Ansuz
god,
odin



R Raido
journey,
wheel



K Kaunan
ulcer,
fire



G Gebō
gift



W Wunjō
joy



H Hagalaz
hail,
air



N Naudiz
need,
necessity



I Isaz
ice



J Jēra
year,
harvest



E Eiwaz
yew tree,
tree of life



P Perth
unclear meaning



Z Algiz
elk
protection



S Sōwilō
sun



T Tiwaz
the god Tiwaz,
victory



B Berkanan
birch,
birth



E Ehwaz
horse



M Mannaz
man



L Laguz
water,
lake



Ng Ingwaz
the god Ingwaz,
fertility



O Othila
heritage,
property



D Dagaz
day,
dawn