

Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 1

Welcome to Year 5

The new Year 5 team would like to warmly welcome all our pupils and their families to another year at Alexander McLeod. We hope you had a fantastic summer break and that the children are returning full of enthusiasm for the exciting year ahead. The teachers have been busy planning lots of amazing learning opportunities and experiences for this academic year, and it starts right here in Autumn 1! Read on to find out what we have in store this half term...

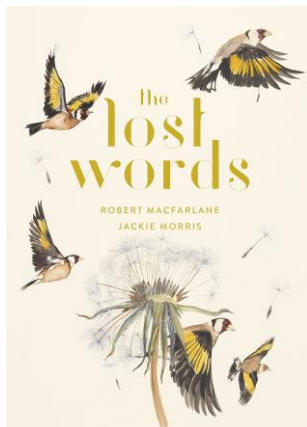
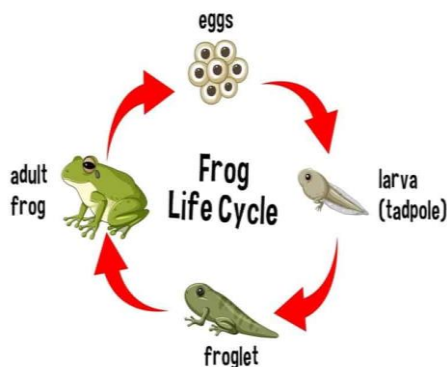


Key dates and information:

- Friday 16th October is Wear Red Day for Show Racism the Red Card
- Trip to Lesnes Abbey to study the Vikings – date TBC

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day. All items of clothing should be clearly named, including school uniform.

Year 5 have PE on Mondays and Thursdays this half term.



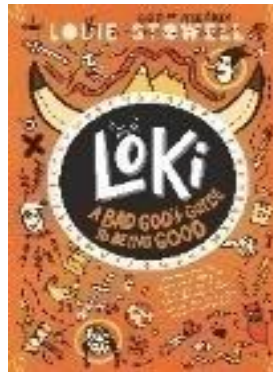
Science

This half term in science, we will be researching life cycles. Children last looked at this in Year 2, so we will see what we can recall about the life cycles of amphibians, birds, mammals, insects and plants. We will approach this learning through the context of British Wildlife and how is it disappearing from our memories and our land.

OUR CURRICULUM

English

Our core text this half term is *LOKI: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good* by Louie Stowell, which is a silly and unique take on Norse mythology. This book will inform our whole class reading lessons and inspire our writing. We will be writing a character description, an emotive account and some poetry. To celebrate Black History Month in October, we will also study the poetry of the late, great Benjamin Zephaniah.



Maths

During our maths lessons this half term, we will focus on place value, rounding and the four operations. This builds on the learning done in Year 4 by including decimals and using numbers up to 1,000,000.

History Enquiry:

Question: Who benefited the most from Danelaw?

Outcome: We will create a Horrible Histories episode about the conflict between Vikings and Anglo-Saxons.

Our contributions to the debate must include:

- ✓ Reasoned justifications for important historical events
- ✓ Evidence from range of sources
- ✓ Clear explanations of events leading up to Danelaw
- ✓ Important moments in the conflict between Anglo-Saxons and Vikings

RE

Year 5 will study how different faiths worship. We will look at what is similar and different, and discuss what worship means to us.

Computing

This half term's computing will link with our history. We will learn how to use computers to create, edit and publish videos.

How to support your child at home...

- Visit the British Museum (it's free!) and look at the Anglo-Saxon exhibits. Try to imagine what life was like for them at the time.
- Have a movie night and watch the Thor films together for another take on Norse mythology.

Important things to practise at home:

- Reading independently. This will have an incredibly positive impact on progress across the curriculum! Children should read for 20 minutes every day.
- Times tables – children are expected to recall all facts up to 12 x 12.