



# Year 5 Summer Term Newsletter 2023

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## Welcome to Summer Term!

We are looking forward to fully engage in all activities planned for our summer term. We will continue to aim to be 'The Best We Can Be'. We will focus on learning, building friendships, working together and becoming independent learners.

### Reminders:

If you need to change your child's lunch arrangements eg. school dinners to packed lunch, please give 2 weeks notice to Mrs Vekaria in the school office.

If children are running late and arrive at school after the register is taken, they will need to visit the office to sign the late book.

Please help us by labelling your child's clothes. We have many lost jumpers with no names in them.

## Key Dates:

**Geography Week** - Commencing Tuesday 18th April

**Bank Holidays** - Mon 1st May and 8th May

**Gordon Brown Week** - Commencing 15th May

**Break up for half term** - Fri 26th May

**Return to school after half term** - Tuesday 6th June

**Vikings Voyages workshop** - Friday 9th June (in school)

**NFER Tests** - Commencing Mon 12th June

**Trip to City Hall** - Week beginning 12th June

**Last day of school for this year** - Friday 21st July



## School Planners and stationery:

Children must bring these to school every day for lessons.

Stationery can also be purchased at the school office.

## Literacy

This term in Literacy we will read 'Journey to Jo'burg', which will support developing character description writing and informal letters. We will also read 'Wonder', which will support developing character analysis, dialogue and summarising. Linking with our history topic, we will be writing a narrative based on the Vikings.



## Keeping cool

As the weather begins to warm up please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle, hat and has applied sunscreen.



## Science

This term in Science our topic is 'Earth and Space'. We aim to make our science lessons as practical as possible. The children will get involved in observations, investigations and experiments.



## Maths

The topics for Year 5 for this term include: Decimals, Properties of Shape Position and Direction, Measurement. The children will remain in groups best suited to their learning. These groups are fluid and children will continue to move accordingly.

**Please practice basic skills with your child at least 15 minutes per day.**



## History and Geography

Our history topic is The Vikings. Geography will be taught as a theme with a focus on South America-The Amazon Basin.



## Wider curriculum

At RGJS we believe in the importance of teaching the 'whole child', making sure your child receives a broad and rich curriculum, including:

**PE:** Tennis/Athletics/Swimming

**RE:** Community

**Art/DT:** Viking Jewellery/Making Sculptures

**Music:** Singing/African Drumming

**Computing:** Programming: Selection in quizzes and Creating Media:Vector Drawing

**PHSCE:** Be Friendly/Healthy Living Week/Be Wise and Dear Diary

**Spanish:** Food/Likes and dislikes related to food

**Swimming** is a statutory part of the curriculum. Your child is expected to be able to swim a minimum of 25 metres by the end of Year 6. We **encourage** parents to volunteer as helpers.

## Communication

Please make sure you have **SchoolPing** set up to ensure you receive important news and updates from the school.



If you need to contact the school urgently, please call the office on **0208 204 5221**.

For school information such as term dates, curriculum overviews, policies and much more please visit our website: [www.rgjs.brent.sch.uk](http://www.rgjs.brent.sch.uk)

Look out for school news in our **Twitter** feed which can be accessed from the school website.