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Welcome to your new  
class

5A



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# Your new teacher will be: Miss Appleyard



I am really looking forward to welcoming you to class 5A! Most of you probably know me quite well already!

Year 5 is a fantastic year, with lots of exciting and engaging topics.

Hopefully, the next two slides will give you a little taste of what you will experience in year 5!

# Our Year 5 Topics

- ▶ Autumn 1 - Dragons
  - ▶ Dragons are a fantastic stimulus for writing suspense stories and inspiring creativity. Through this topic, we will investigate the properties and changes of materials in science, use coding to create dragon maze games and look at aspects of the UK's physical geography. Also, we will lay the foundations for our later Vikings topic, through our class reading book.
  - ▶ Whole class reading book for the Autumn term - How to Train Your Dragon.
- ▶ Autumn 2 - Britain at War
  - ▶ This topic fits in really well with Remembrance Day in November and hopefully, we will be able to visit the Cenotaph. At the end of this topic, we have a fantastic VE Day-themed party.
- ▶ Spring 1 - Earth and Space
  - ▶ This science-based topic allows children to discover our fascinating solar system and beyond. We will look at significant space explorers in history, design our own rockets and hopefully visit the Planetarium.
- ▶ Spring 2 - North America
  - ▶ In this geography-driven topic, we will compare our local area to a locality in North America. We will be writing persuasive texts linking to local tourism, comparing human and physical geography, creating Native American art and touching upon significant people in North American history.
- ▶ Summer 1 and 2 - Anglo-Saxons and Vikings
  - ▶ This largely history-based topic enables children to find out more about the ancient history of their local area. We will be investigating how they came to live in Britain, what weapons they used, daily life, crime and punishment. We hope to visit Southend Museum to find out more about this topic and marvel at artefacts from the time.
  - ▶ Whole class reading book for the Summer term - Viking Boy





# Here's a taste of what's to come:



# Some Ideas for the holiday...

- ▶ To complete the virtual Summer Reading Challenge 2020  
<https://www.southend.gov.uk/libraries-1/summer-reading-challenge/1>
- ▶ Visit the woods, park and beach
- ▶ Learn all of your times tables (up to 12x12)
- ▶ Write a book review of a book you've read
- ▶ Prepare a meal for your parents
- ▶ Write a letter to a friend
- ▶ Play a board game
- ▶ Learn a new card game
- ▶ Complete a jigsaw puzzle
- ▶ Try a new sport
- ▶ Make a den
- ▶ Have a picnic
  
- ▶ Enjoy!