

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter - Summer Term 2019

Welcome back to school! I hope you have had a fantastic Easter holiday and you are ready for the term ahead.

English

We begin the term with one of my favourite topics: Mythical Stories! This will link with our topic work on Ancient Greece. Children will learn different mythical stories, create and describe mythical creatures, and write their own quest story.



Later in the term we will focus on classical poetry, looking at *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes.

How you can help your child at home: Each week we will practise a different rule on spellingframe.co.uk, which children can also access at home.

Maths

In maths we will continue to practise written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, including the use of decimals.

Other areas covered will include fractions, area, volume, measures and statistics.

How you can help your child at home: Children can continue to practise timetables using Times Table Rockstars.

Science

This term our science work will be based around light. We will investigate how it travels, use prisms to refract light, look at how we see different colours and find out the link between shapes of objects and the shadows they cast.

Topic

As mentioned earlier our topic for this term is Ancient Greece. As well as looking at mythical stories in English, children will learn about the history of this ancient civilisation. Some of the things we will cover include Alexander the Great, the origins of the Olympic games, the city states of Athens and Sparta and the gods and goddesses of Ancient Greece.



PE

Over Summer we will be practising different athletic events in preparation for Sports Day, which will take place on Friday 24th May. If the weather prevents this, the reserve date is Friday 7th June.

We will also be playing cricket, rounder and learning about orienteering over the term. PE this term will take place on Monday and Tuesday.

Design Technology & Art

We begin the term with a project to research, design and build a sandal for that could be worn in ancient Greece.

Later in the term children will research, design and make their own Greek style vases based around the Olympics.

General Notices

PE kits: Blue shorts, white t-shirt, black pumps and trainers. PE kits should be in school every day and must be clearly labelled.

Homework: This term our homework will have an outdoor theme! Children will be set tasks to get them outside and enjoying the countryside. This will be sent out via the school app on Friday.

As always, if you have any questions, or would like any further guidance in supporting your child, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us.

Mr Kewley & Miss Byrne

Computing

Computing work this term is all about digital media. Children will plan and record their own video for the ChildNet Film Competition. Throughout this topic we will revisit internet safety and copyright protection.



RE

Our RE work this term will be based around Christian beliefs about heaven. Children will consider feelings about death and consider what heaven is like.