



Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5! We hope you have all enjoyed the summer holidays and that the children are well rested and ready for all the challenges and fun ahead! It's great to look forward to a new school year with lots of exciting topics, books and experiences. We hope the children will enjoy their new classroom, new teachers and take a full part in all the activities which we have planned.

Curriculum

English: This term we will be reading 'The Adventures of Odysseus' by Hugh Lupton, and a selection of Ancient Greek myths. The focus areas for this term will include story writing, poetry, script writing and newspaper reports. Spelling, punctuation, grammar, handwriting, drama and guided reading will all take place on a regular basis.

Maths: The school continues to use the Abacus maths scheme aligned to the National curriculum. The children will cover a range of work each term as detailed below, including regular assessment sessions. This term, for example, we will be focusing on Number – comparing and ordering numbers, multiplication facts to 12x12, finding remainders when dividing, number sequencing, fractions, formal written methods of all four operations and problem solving.

Shape and space – recognising parallel and perpendicular lines, classifying triangles, reflective symmetry and names and properties of 3D shapes.

Measures – using standard metric units of length and weight.

Data handling – drawing and interpreting frequency tables, pictograms and bar graphs.

Foundation Subjects: Art, Design and Technology and some of our Music will be linked to the texts that we explore during English, as well as our History topic. PSHE will be linked to the school values. Some subjects will be taught separately such as Science (Earth, Sun and Moon); History (the Ancient Greeks); and RE (Pilgrimages). Computing is taught separately and linked to topics wherever appropriate.

Homework

Reading: We expect that the children will complete at least 10 minutes of reading each day. This should be from a variety of texts such as fiction, non-fiction, poetry, magazines, newspapers etc.

Weekly Homework: Your child will shortly receive a topic-based homework sheet detailing various activities that they can complete in any order and hand in by the end of this half term (Friday 19th October). More details will be provided on the sheet.

If relevant, your child may also receive maths homework on a Friday, to be handed in the following Wednesday.

Spellings: Your child will have a list of spellings for this half term in their Reading Record book. We will test spellings on Fridays.

Reading Records

Please ensure that this is in school every day. Your child is responsible for keeping a record of their reading.

P.E.

Please could you ensure that your child has their full kit in school every day and that everything is clearly named. As the weather gets colder through the term you may wish to consider sending in a tracksuit in black or green (school uniform colours) for your child to wear for outdoor games. This half term, PE will be on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. **Ear-rings should not be worn on these days**. If this is not possible, please provide tape for your child to cover them.

And finally...

If you wish your child to walk home on their own, please let us know in writing (either a note or email).

Many thanks for all your help in these areas. Please remember if you have any queries we are always happy to talk to you after school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Chambers and Mrs. Dakin

