

Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

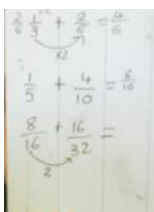
Welcome to Year 5! We hope you have all enjoyed the summer holidays and that the children are well rested and ready for all the challenges and fun ahead! It's great to look forward to a new school year with lots of exciting topics, books and experiences. We hope the children will enjoy their new classroom,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

Curriculum



English: This half term we will be reading a selection of Ancient Greek myths but concentrating on Odysseus. The focus areas will include story writing, poetry, script writing, recounts, non-chronological reports, balanced arguments, and newspaper reports. Children will have the opportunity to

make high quality books and texts and share these with their friends. Spelling, punctuation, grammar, handwriting, drama and reading comprehension will all take place on a regular basis.



Maths: The school continues to use the White Rose Maths scheme aligned to the National curriculum. This term, the children will cover Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division and Fractions. We will also include regular assessment sessions. Children will be able to use 'Times Table Rock Stars' to improve their tables in school and at home should they so wish.

Please note that the national expectation is that all children can instantly recall all multiplication facts in any order by the end of Year 4. If your child cannot do this, please support them to learn them at home.

Foundation Subjects:



DT and Art link to our topics so the first half term sees the children designing and making Greek pots and plates whereas the second half term will see them creating aliens, rockets and investigating 'Space art'.



Science covers 'Earth and Space' in the first half term and 'Forces' in the second.

History is the Ancient Greeks and this takes place for the first half term. Next half term, we will be looking at 'Recycling' in our local area for **Geography** and we hope to partake in some local fieldwork to see how we can make a positive impact. **RE** looks at

Sikhism in the first half term and Christianity in the second and follows the Discovery Scheme. Both topics ask the children to reflect on matters of faith. **PSHE** will be linked to the school values and follows the 'Jigsaw' scheme. The first half term asks the children to reflect on 'Being Me In My World' reflecting on citizenship, rewards and responsibilities and our learning charter. The second half term is all about 'Celebrating Difference' where we look at different cultures, types of bullying and diversity. In **Computing**, we will be looking at using a search engine correctly during the first half term and then developing an interactive game using Scratch after half term, (this links to our 'Earth and Space' topic). **Music** is taught by Mrs Wood and the children will look at musical notation and composition together with significant composers, (for example, looking at Holst's 'Planet Suite' after half term).

Homework

Reading: We expect that the children will complete at least 20 minutes of reading each day. This should be from a variety of texts such as fiction, non-fiction, poetry, magazines, newspapers etc.. Please can you note this reading in their Reading Record.



Homework: There are three spelling groups and spellings are given out at the start of each half term. These relate to spelling patterns that are taught in class. Tests take place each Friday. There is also a Homework sheet based on the half term's topic – this gives children a series of tasks to complete at a time that suits them. Children can obtain house points / class rewards for good work. We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child's orange Reading Record is brought into school and books / pages read recorded by you or your child. If you wish to leave us any messages you can do so in here. NB - If you need to tell us something important it is probably best to tell us in person, just in case the message does not get seen! You can also contact the office direct or email us on 'home learning'.

P.E



Please could you ensure that your child wears their full kit in school on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please make everything is clearly named. As the weather gets colder through the term, children can wear a dark coloured tracksuit for outdoor games. This half term we will be learning about cricket and table tennis. Next half term dance and gymnastics.

And finally...

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, Mrs Chance and Miss Holmes 😊