

Year 5 Newsletter Autumn Term 2 2022

Themed Half Term: Ancient Greece



Year 5

Welcome back! We can't wait to welcome you all into Year 5! We hope you had a restful and happy summer holiday and are just as excited as us to be starting a new school year.

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If you have any queries or concerns you would like to discuss, please contact the office to arrange a telephone call or an appointment with me.



Important Dates

Thursdays

Swimming at Wetherby Leisure Centre.
Drumming (ear defenders/ear plugs are allowed as it can be noisy for the children)
Golden Book at 2.30pm—parents/carers invited

Friday

Diaries due in: signed with reading & KIRFs recorded. All homework due in and reset.

PE is on a **Friday**. Please ensure your child brings their PE kit to school in a drawstring bag.

Please label all items of clothing, including coats, shoes and pumps.

RE

Our topic in RE this half term is Gifts from God. We will reflect on the story of creation and its meaning for us. We will also think about our own actions and how these show that we have a role to play in caring for the things around us and how this can show we are serving God. We will then move on to thinking about how our beliefs and values about creation can affect how people behave. We are also going to be studying examples that show how all of our actions have consequences, and will research individuals, such as St Francis, who inspired us to respect creation and look after those in our society who are vulnerable.

English

This half term, our class text that we will be reading is "Who Let the Gods Out?" which links to our topic of Ancient Greece. Year 5 will revise word classes, the use of apostrophes, fronted adverbials and will also continue to develop their handwriting style. We will adopt the author's narrative style to continue the story and we will also write a diary entry in role as Elliot, the main character from the story. We will revise our key core objectives through BEE zone practice to keep our writing skills bubbling! **Please encourage your child to read their school reading book at least 4 times a week as well as a lengthy novel at home as this will improve their reading stamina and enjoyment for reading.**

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we expand our understanding of place value which involves reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers to 1,000,000 as well as rounding numbers up to 1,000,000 within the nearest 100,000. We will also investigate negative numbers and will use powers of 10s to count forwards and backwards. We will incorporate reasoning and problem solving throughout to ensure that we have a concrete understanding of the concepts that underpin the whole of the subject. We will then move on to using column methods for addition and subtraction of numbers with up to 4 digits - this will also include lots of mental maths! Again, involving lots of reasoning and problem solving to get our brains working really hard! We are also going to be developing our statistical skills and will be learning how to read and use line graphs, tables and timetables (in case we ever need to catch a bus or a train)! **To support your child at home, please ensure your child continues to practise their times tables up to 12x12 (including division facts). This is crucial in all concepts in maths so the more confident your child is, the more it will help them in their learning in school.**

Science

Our first Science topic together in Year 5 will be 'Earth & Space' where together, we will study our solar system, planets and space! This is a very popular topic in Year 5 and is often a favourite by the end of the year. We will begin by exploring the planets in our solar system and thinking of ways to remember the order of the planets using mnemonics. We will explore the size and movement of the Earth and Moon and will understand how these move in relation to the Sun. During this unit, there will be an exciting investigation into the sun and shadows to help us understand that the Earth rotates. We will also begin to understand why we have seasons and will learn about the phases of the Moon. It's one of my favourite Science topics to teach and links really well with our Ancient Greece topic too... all will be revealed! There will also be some exciting projects to work on at home linked to this Science topic too! It really is going to be out of this world!



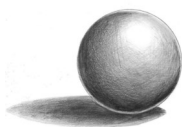
Computing

In Computing this half term, we will continue to develop skills that Year 5 have been developing during their time in LKS2. Through the use of the app Keynote, Year 5 will explore a range of computing concepts such as links, buttons and layering of objects and much more. We will link this to our Science topic where the children will showcase their understanding of the solar system as well as finding out more facts about all of the planets. We will then continue to link to our learning in Science and use SmartArt and Watermarks to demonstrate our understanding of the solar system. We will make diagrams to represent the order of the planets and Phases of the Moon. Online safety is embedded into all of our lessons. **We ask that you continue to deliver the message of staying safe online at home through our STOP, BLOCK, TELL motto.**

Topic: Ancient Greece

Our first topic we will explore in Year 5 is Ancient Greece! Again, a firm favourite in previous years. This will last a whole term too so lots of opportunities will be provided to really allow for deep learning within this period of time. We will begin to explore where the Ancient Greek civilization existed and order events on a timeline and we will further explore the historical events that took place during this time period. We will continuously make links to prior learning and other time periods that the children have already studied. Year 5 will then further develop their geographical awareness and will name and locate the countries and cities of Europe. We will move on to recapping how children lived in previous time periods, and predict how children in Ancient Greece lived. Year 5 will learn about Athenian and Spartan boys and the different lifestyles and experiences they had due to the city-state they lived in. They will apply their English and Maths skills this half term to compare and contrast, and present their knowledge and understanding through writing. This is one of my favourite periods in History and I am sure Year 5 will love it too! To support your child at home, they can use BBC Bitesize or Horrible Histories clips to increase their knowledge and understanding of this time period.

Art



This half term in Art, Year 5 will learn about the modern artist Robin Moline. They will explore shading through the use of a range of pencils of different blackness and hardnesses. The children will learn how to create a 3D effect through shadow, reflection and definition in their shading. This will link with our Science topic of Earth & Space where we will study the spherical shapes of the planets in our solar system. Year 5 will then apply their skills to create a piece of artwork in the style of Robin Moline, following on from drawing a 3D sphere.



PE

In PE this half term, Year 5 will start their weekly swimming lessons down at Wetherby Leisure Centre. They will build their confidence in the water, develop their use of breathing when swimming and build up to swimming 25m confidently using a range of strokes. In PE lessons, Year 5 will develop their agility, speed, tactics, technique, power, observation and communication skills and will improve on their decision making in a variety of in-game situations.

MFL

In MFL, we will develop our listening skills through listening to spoken language in French and show understanding by joining in and responding. We will also encourage children to speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary and phrases. The children will be encouraged to engage in conversations in French and this will progress to broadening their vocabulary and developing the ability to understand new words that are introduced. The children will then write phrases from memory and adapt these to create new sentences. We will focus on revising the basics: such as numbers, greetings, colours etc. and using these in spoken conversations.

Music

In Music this half term, Year 5 will be introduced to the Indian 'Dhol' drum. They will learn where the origins of the drum came from and what it was used for. Year 5 will play rhythms using body percussion. They will also learn that every sound in Indian music has a name. Year 5 will have the chance to apply previous skills and understanding in music to this new instrument. They will learn about the sticks needed to play the drum and a range of Indian rhythms and beats. Avtar, from Artforms, will visit school every Thursday to teach Year 5 the Dhol drum and we are very excited to welcome him back to school again!

PSHE

This half term in PSHE, we will spend time developing our class rules and targets to work on and also developing our understanding of the British Value 'Democracy'. We will also spend a lot of time getting used to working as a class again. This will be through fun team building tasks and activities to support friendships and teamwork. learn about Physical Health and Wellbeing in the media. They will learn about role models, about misleading messages often given on food adverts and how the media can manipulate images and how these images often do not reflect reality. As always, PSHE is flexible depending on the children's needs and topics or issues that may arise during the half term.



Homework

In response to parent feedback, some homework will be paper based rather than online:

- Athletics/Reading Eggs tasks, Spelling Shed and TTRS
- Reading 5 times per week for 15-20 minutes minimum but longer is preferable to build reading stamina. Children should use their reading jotters to record reading challenges completed.
- Research projects and other occasional homework tasks linked to our Topics this half term (some may be linked to the homework grid on the website).
- Optional homework tasks on Year 5 class webpage (homework grid available).



[Our homework policy is available on the school website.](#)

Ways to Help Your Child

Parent/guardian support at home is invaluable in your child's learning and at our school we are so thankful and grateful for the excellent support you provide. Please continue to support your child at home, particularly with their reading, spellings and KIRFs. For this half term, your child must read their school reading book 5x a week for at least 15-20 minutes at a time. Please ensure that your child is reading aloud as well as independently as this helps their understanding and comprehension of what they are reading. It is also beneficial for your child to hear an adult reading aloud to them. This is proven to support children with reading fluency and enjoyment for reading too.

As your child is now in Year 5, an increased independence is encouraged in school so we ask that your child begins to complete their homework diary with some independence each week before being signed by a parent/carer.