



Our topic this term is 'Greece is the Word'. We will be looking at Ancient Greek civilisation and culture as our main History and Geography topics.

In Science, our topic will be Light. Pupils will be taught to recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines, explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye.

Our SEAL themes are: Going for goals and good to be me. The children will continue to look at the importance of British Values.

In R.E. children will be reading about how the world was made according to different religions and stories with an understanding of how humans can harm our beautiful world.

In Art and Design Technology, the children will be sketching pillars from the Parthenon, constructing a 3D labyrinth from the Greek myth Theseus and the Minotaur as well as making Greek vases.



In ICT, children will be writing ancient Greek Newspaper articles, creating an Ancient Greek multiple choice quiz, retelling Aesops fables as part of a digital story book and designing a blog page on J2E.

E-Safety will continue to be a focus; please discuss this with your child, especially if you allow them to go online with social media, including games and conversations.

Gymnastics and floor routines will be taught during PE lessons.

Children will need their indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school at all times. Please make sure your child has suitable outdoor kit too (including a warm sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms). They need pumps for indoors and trainers for outdoors.

In Literacy we will be reading texts/watching clips that involve stories by famous authors, non-fiction and a variety of narrative texts, including poetry. This term, these will include: Greek Myths, Theseus and the Minotaur, Icarus and Daedalus, Medusa, Jason and the Argonauts, The Alchemist's Letter, Who let the Gods out and Pandora's Box.

We will continue to follow the 5/6 spelling scheme where children will be taught spelling patterns and rules; they will have weekly spellings, to learn at home, which will be applied through regular activities in class.

Please help your child by:

- Encouraging your child to read from a wide range of materials, both independently and to an adult for at least 10 minutes each day and sign their diary;
- Reminding them to record their reading in their diary;
- Discussing their reading to ensure understanding;
- Encouraging them to write for pleasure e.g. stories, diaries, letters, e-mails; get them to check these through for correct punctuation being used.
- To practise the spellings with them (help them learn).



In Maths we will be covering all areas of the Maths curriculum. It is important that the children practise their tables at home. Please help your child by:

- Encouraging them to **practise their tables** and the corresponding division facts. Children, by Yr5, should know all the tables.
- Taking opportunities to use and apply maths in everyday situations e.g. cooking, shopping and telling the time.
- Helping them complete any homework

SATs Preparation for Year 6 only

SATs preparation will begin in earnest this term. Maths and English revision clubs will run on a Tuesday and Wednesday after February half term for selected pupils. The majority of homework for Year 6 pupils will continue to take the form of SATs revision.

Dates for your diary

Year 5 Heroes of Troy Play - Date to be advised.

Homework

Children record formal homework in their homework diaries and we would ask that parents check these regularly. This work is often in the form of completing work that has been started in class. Teachers will comment in diaries as and when necessary and parents are encouraged to do the same.

Homework will be set as follows:

In addition to daily reading, Years 5 & 6 will have their half termly spellings in their diaries and then weekly spelling practise activities are provided in preparation for the assessment.

The children will be given a piece of Maths home learning each week.

Year 5B, 5/6F and 6P

Maths — Friday to be returned the following Wednesday.

In addition to formally set homework pupils in Years 5/6 are expected to:

- Read their own choice of book every day.
- Revise and learn work covered in Maths, Literacy and Science.

If you have any questions or concerns please come in and see one of us.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Pickett, Mrs Foster, Mrs Cook, Mrs Brannon and Mrs Barratt



Year 5&6

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Greece is the Word

We hope that our overview of this term's topic will provide you with ideas of how to help your child at home.