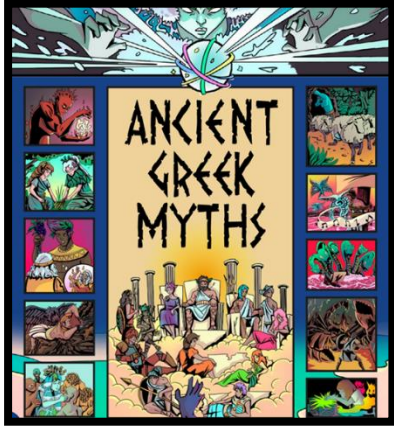


Year 5 - Spring Term 2

Curriculum Newsletter



This term, in Geography Year 5 are going to be exploring sustainability and natural resources. They will learn about the range of natural resources including food, minerals, water, and energy, judging whether natural resources are renewable and non-renewable, as well as knowing the threats that could affect their use in the future. In Science, we will continue to study properties and changes of materials and use our skills of working scientifically to investigate materials.

Our PSHE lessons will be focussing on how to be healthy in all aspects of life and use RE lessons will look into spirituality through art.

In computing we will be learning about data and sorting and organising using databases.

English:

In English, we will be reading and writing about Greek Myths in depth, including Pandora's Box and the story of Medusa. These stories will allow the children to develop a good understanding of the components of a Greek Myth and we will culminate this project with our own stories being written. In addition to this, we will be writing a diary, our own story, and a non-chronological report. To make sure this is all written to a Year 5 standard, we will be developing our grammatical strengths by looking at relative clauses, modal verbs, semi-colons, and parenthesis.

Maths:

This term we are looking at decimals and percentages. Children will begin by learning about comparing decimals, then progress onto writing fractions as decimals and then adding and subtracting them. This will include continued recall of facts learnt in the previous term to consolidate learning. We will also be solving problems and applying our knowledge and methods when reasoning. Children will continue to practice their times tables and key known number facts to build fluency within their maths.

Ways to help at home:

- Homework will be set on Thursdays including maths activities on Mangahigh and reading on Myon. Please encourage your child to spend time in a quiet place to complete their homework.
- Listen to your child read daily, they will receive a Dojo for every time you sign their reading record to say that they have read at home.
- Support children in retrieving multiplication facts to 12x12 and the corresponding division.
- Visit the local library at Weston Favell and promote a love of books and reading.

Other information and key dates:

- PE will take place on a Friday morning. Please ensure children have their outdoor PE kit in school.
- Swimming will also take place for some children on Friday afternoons. Parents will be contacted about this when their child is selected.
- On 4th March Year 5 will take part in a Safety Workshop during the school day.
- On 5th March, our final Merchant of Venice rehearsal will take place with Leigh and Sam from Silhouette in preparation for filming.
- On 14th March at 9am we will visit the Silhouette theatre studio at Weston Favel to film our scene from The Marchant of Venice.