

Year 5 Spring 1: Curriculum Newsletter – Ancient Greece



This term, Year 5 will be learning about Ancient Greece and will be studying a range of myths and legends. They will have opportunities to explore how this critical time in history has had such an impact upon our lives today.

During RE, the children will be learning about holy books and the importance of the bible in Abrahamic faiths. We will be reading and discussing bible stories and analysing their meanings.

In science, Year 5 are studying forces. This module is very practical, and Year 5 will be testing out forces in action such as friction, air resistance, magnetism and gravity. There is an emphasis this term on fair testing and how manipulating variables can alter the outcomes of the experiment.

Throughout art, the children will be enhancing their understanding of using clay and ceramics and will be designing and creating functional clay pieces.

English: This term, we are studying a range of Greek myths. There will be lots of opportunities for drama and for the children to create their very own Greek myth in a narrative style. We will also be exploring non-fiction and producing a non-chronological report on the Ancient Greek way of life. The children will have opportunities to explore Year 5 grammar in context through writing assignments and they will refine their revision and editing skills.

In reading, we are continuing to focus upon building our inference, summarising and explanation skills in relation to our key text.

Maths: Pupils will build upon their understanding of decimal place value, will regularly revisit the four signs of operation: multiplication, division, subtraction and addition to increase fluency and ability to problem solve in context. Fractions and percentages. They will also increase fluency in converting between these key mathematical concepts.

After this module, the children will explore geometry and measurement. They will increase their skills with using rulers and scales and apply these to problem solving activities.

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Ways to help at home:

- Listen to your child read each day. Every child takes home a reading book.
- Test your child on their times tables up to their 12s. If they are confident, extend them by asking them to solve more complex calculations such as 32×6 , etc.
- Practise addition and subtraction of decimals in every day contexts such as using money and calculating change.
- Ask your child the spellings they are learning at school and practice these at home. Please check homework on OneNote each Wednesday.

Other information:

- PE will take place on a Thursday afternoon
- Homework will be set once per week, usually on a Wednesday.
- Homework club is available to the children each Wednesday.