

Year 5 Summer 1 Newsletter 2024

We would like to welcome everyone back to school for the start of the summer term. We have a busy term ahead of us with lots of exciting work planned.

Maths

This half term the children will be focusing on statistics and shape, as well as position and direction. They will be classifying angles using a protractor to measure angles with accuracy. They will also spend time moving shapes through translation, building on their coordinates skills from Year 4.

There will be a continued importance on practising our times table skills. This will be important as we have an increased focus on arithmetic skills this half term as we move towards their end of year assessments and we look to secure and improve mental and written calculations for all 4 operations – improving the accuracy and speed in which we complete them.

English

This half term we will begin by learning about Greek myths and legends. We will be studying the features of these interesting texts and creating our own myths using Greek monsters, heroes and heroines, following the structure of the original myths we will have studied. This is an exciting topic for the children and gives us a unique opportunity to access a wide range of texts. We immerse ourselves in one myth a week, starting with retrieving and understanding it before delving into it in more depth. This will link in with our topic for the next term.



Science

In Science this half term we will be exploring living things and investigating whether they all change in the same ways as they age. We will look at a range of life cycles so we can compare and contrast them against each other. As we make high-quality scientific observations, we will continue to develop our scientific vocabulary and accuracy in our recording.

History

Our topic for the half-term will be Ancient Greece. We will look to explore Ancient Greek life in a broad range of ways and how the everyday Greek man or woman lived. We will take this further and look at the history of Ancient Greece, as well as how that history survives today through the legacy of things such as democracy and the Olympics. We will put the events of Ancient Greece into context, using timelines to understand when and in what order events occurred - especially compared to other historical periods we have learnt about.

Geography

We will link our Geography into our Ancient Greek topic by looking at the Olympics, the countries that take part and where they are located. This will involve map work.

PSHE

We will continue with our reflective thinking times as our focus moves onto the value of compassion. We will also continue our PSHE lessons as we think about different influences which affect our lives and our judgements.

Music

On Monday afternoons, the children will take part in music lessons focused on different styles of singing and dancing. Children will continue with singing on a Friday afternoon.

PE

In PE, we will be completing athletics. This will involve us being on the grass and children should have the correct kit and footwear to take part. Our alternate unit for the half term is Cricket, which will also involve getting on the field. It is essential children have their kits and outdoor footwear, and we recommend this comes in on a Monday and goes home to be cleaned on a Friday.



French

In French the children will be continuing their work learning about pets.

Homework

Homework continues as usual this half term; with Maths going out on a Wednesday. On Friday, work will carry on being added onto Google Classroom to be completed over the weekend. If there is any issue accessing this, please come to speak to us. This work will not just be English but could extend to other Topic related work.

Please do not hesitate to see us after school if you have any queries.

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