

Year 5 – Spring Term



Topic

This term the children will study the Greeks. They will discover how the Ancient Greeks helped to lay the foundations of democracy and why we still refer to them today. We will look at buildings and politics from the period and consider the way that their society worked. Geography skills will be incorporated into this topic by our studying of their Empire, most noticeably the expansion under Alexander the Great. In Art lessons, children will study the Parthenon and will learn more about line drawings after we have studied the frieze, metopes and pediments that decorate the temple. In DT, children will continue to develop their cooking skills with every child being given the opportunity to cook spaghetti boblognaise, we are also planning on making our own sculptures. In Music, children will recognise beat and rhythm as well as hearing Music of the Month. In RE, children will discover a new faith as well as revisit and old one that we have already covered.

Homework

All homework is now paper-less but children can continue to use the homework books they have been given. Homework will be uploaded onto Seesaw on a Friday, and Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) will also be set each week. It should be completed and uploaded into their journal by the following Friday.

It will be set as Must, Should, Could homework.

Must: read to an adult at least 4 times a week and practise TTRS every day (just for 2 mins).

Should: Do the Must as well as some Squirrel Maths and Spellings.

Could: Do all of the above.

Log ons will be given to children at the start of term and they will be asked to stick them in their Home School Diaries.

PE

Year 5 have PE on Thursdays. There is an indoor AND an outdoor session on this day, depending on the weather. Outside lessons will be netball and gym, then netball and dance.

We are planning on having PE kits still being worn to school; however, if this changes we'll let you know and then PE kits should be school every day in case of timetable changes or special activities. Please ensure children have a warm jumper and tracksuit bottoms as the weather is very changeable in this term.

Reading at Home

Where possible, children should be reading every day at home. Home school diaries should be signed by parents and used by the children to 'magpie' words and phrases that they can then use in their writing. Home school diaries should be brought in every day. Please note: if you have written a specific note to me, please ask your child to show me. We read daily in class and I try to pick books that are part of a series, I'll add these to Seesaw as ideas for reading.

In school, Year 5 pupils will continue to expand their vocabulary through exposure to books and other writing that they have not come across before – hearing and learning new vocabulary and grammatical structures, and having a chance to talk about this. You can support this at home by:

- Encouraging discussion with your child when pronouncing new words if their reasonable attempt does not sound correct.
- Broadening the vocabulary that you use when speaking to your child and being prepared to clarify the meaning of a wider range of words, modelling them within sentences.
- Encouraging your child to read silently to themselves but check their understanding of what they have read after doing so.
- Listening to a range of good quality audio books.
- Reading more difficult texts **to** your child and allowing them the chance to listen and ask questions.

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English

In English this term, we will be working on the following genres:

- Stories from different cultures
- Discussion and argument texts
- Epitaphs
- Reports

We will be reading some Greek myths for our stories and looking at The Trojan War as a basis for discussion and argument. Should it have happened? Who was in the right? Our reports will also focus on the Trojan war. Children will continue to work daily on Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.

Maths

In maths this term, we will cover:

- Fractions
- Multiplication
- Decimals & percentages

Every week we'll keep practising our core skills, the children are really good at these. As they move towards Year 6, their core skills (adding, subtracting, multiplying & dividing) need to be really secure, as does their ability to tell the time. Please practise this as much as possible.

Science

In Science, our topics are Forces and The Earth and Space. Children will use a variety of science skills to cover the following areas of knowledge about the topic:

- Describe changes in our bodies as we get older
- explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object (Spring 1 L2 & 3)
- identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces (Spring 1 L1)
- recognise that some mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater effect

Science is very practical to give the children a full opportunity to explore a range of skills.

Computing

Each half term starts with lessons on e-safety.

Children learn how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly. Then children will continue to progress their computing skills so that they can:

- build on their basic programming skills
- research relevant topics and present accordingly

PSHE/RSE

Our whole school theme for this term is: *Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me.*

Year 5 will focus on the following areas:

- What grown up life is like
- Jobs & Careers
- Supporting Others
- Rallying Support
- Health risks re smoking & alcohol

Useful Websites

- White Rose Maths
- Aylesbury Lending Library (you can order children's books for free)
- BBC bitesize

- First Aid
- Body image and relationships with food (age appropriate)
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For Relationships and Sex Education the whole school is following a national scheme -The Christopher Winter Project, the resources of which have been tried and tested in a variety of settings and are suitable for use in mainstream schools.

- Times Tables Rock Stars

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