

Year 5 Newsletter – Summer 1

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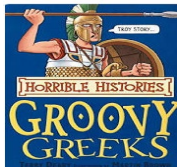
Welcome to the third edition of our newsletter! We have lots of exciting things planned over the next few weeks. We hope that this newsletter will provide you with an overview of what will be happening in Year 5 this half term.



Our Theme this term is: Groovy Greeks - It's all Greek to me

English

In English, we will begin our learning by looking at a range of poems based on Greek gods. The children will learn to recite the poems by heart and we will focus on using appropriate intonation and tone when reciting. The children will then move on to exploring the text 'Groovy Greeks', which is a factual book all about the history of Ancient Greece. We will use the text as a tool to do some role play, hot seating and will then go on to writing our own Greek narrative.



Maths

As part of topic for Maths, we will continue to secure our multiplication and division knowledge. We will be learning to use the formal written method of division and will be learning to divide 2 digit and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number.

We will then begin our topic of fractions, in which we will find fractions of an amount, recognise mixed numbers and improper fractions and convert from one form to the other. The children will then use their knowledge of converting fractions to order and compare.



Science



We will continue with our topic: Earth and Space for the first part of the half term where the children will be looking at the movement of the Earth and other planets in the solar system. They will then use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain how we get day and night.

We will then move on to our next topic: Forces. The children will use learning from their topic: Earth and space to explain how the force gravity causes objects to fall towards Earth.

History



As Historians the children will learning all about Ancient Greece. We will look at key events that happened in Ancient Greece and will plot these on a timeline. We will compare this time period to other periods in history that we have studied so far and will then move on to looking at the Ancient Olympics. We will carry out research on how the Olympics originated using a range of resources, which will allow the children to make comparisons between life of the rich people and those that were poor.

Art



As part of our art lessons, we will be looking at art from the Ancient Greek period. We will then use pencils to sketch our own piece of art. We will evaluate our own work and also give feedback to our peers on their sketches.

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This half term we will be using our sketches from our art lesson to make our Ancient Greek vase. The children will use a range of tools and equipment to make their product and will then evaluate their final product against their design.

Important Dates

School opens- 8th April 2024
Online Safety Event - 24th April 2024
May Day School closed- 6th May 2024
School closes – Friday 24th May 2024

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The staff team in Year 5 are;
 5KH – Mrs Holden, Miss Aisha and Mrs Malik
 Mrs Gilmartin (Mondays & Tuesdays), Mrs Jahangir (cover)
 5BV – Mr Vellacott, Mrs Asghar, Mrs Pollard

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE! We are so pleased to see you all back in school.

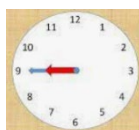


PE and Outdoor learning

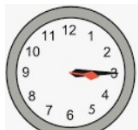
PE will take place on a Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon. Children will need to come to school in the correct kit every Monday and Wednesday please.



School day/ routines



Learning starts at **8:45 a.m.**
 Learning ends at **3:15 p.m.**



There will be members of the Year 5 and 6 team on the yard before and after school.
 If you have questions please come and speak to one of the staff team

Equipment



Children will need to bring their own water bottle to school every day.

NO pencil cases or stationary as school provide children with all the equipment they need. Reading Records must be brought to school each day.

Learning at Home

Reading: Children are expected to read for at **least 20 minutes every day**. Please listen to your child read and encourage them to develop good reading habits. Ask your child questions about the texts they read and please fill in the **reading records** so we can give your child a new book when they are ready.

Please note that the school has provided children with brand new reading records that must be signed by an adult and returned to school each day.

Library: Every **Thursday**, the children will spend half an hour in the library, where they will select a book they can take home and read for pleasure. Our library sessions will include a time for the children to read their books and also, we will provide them with an opportunity to listen to a range of texts. Please ensure library books are returned to school each **Thursday**.

Homework Menu: Children will be given a homework menu. They must choose an activity from either English, Maths, Creative or Other. Homework will be given on a **Friday** and must be completed at home and handed in on a **Wednesday morning**. **Purple Mash** is also available to access tools and activities from home.

Spellings

Children will be given a list of spellings in their homework books. Please help your child to read and spell these correctly as they will be tested on these in class. Year group spellings can also be found in their reading records.

Break and Lunch Times

Break Time

10:45-11:00

Children can bring in a healthy snack for break times as it is a long morning.

Lunch Time

12:30 - 1:00 pm. (Outside)

1:00 - 1:30pm. (Lunch in Class)

Talking at Home

We encourage you to talk to your child about their learning in class.

Ask them what they have learnt each day or something new which they have found out.

See if your child can explain what they have been learning at school.

This is a good indication of how well they listen and how interested they are in their work.

They may even tell you something you didn't know!

Happy Talking

Times Tables: Year 5 pupils are expected to be able to recall all of the multiplication and division facts up to 12x. Regular practise of these is vital for your child to become secure with these facts. Please help your child to say and use their times tables and login to TT Rock Stars whenever they can. **Purple Mash** also has lots of useful tools and games for revision.