

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2

Dear parents and carers, Welcome to **Year 5**. Please have a look over our curriculum for the coming half term...



Learning, Together for Life

Articles of Half Term:

Article 30 – Children have the right to learn and speak the same language as their family.

Article 23 – Children have the right to special help and education if they have a disability

Article 2 – All children have rights, no matter their differences.



Writing: Our term continues with work based on a book by Rick Riordan: “Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief”. We will explore and write poetry, write narratives in both first and third person focussed on adding extra detail such as personification, using show not tell to describe characters. We will be learning how to use semi-colons.



Reading: In reading this half term, we will continue to focus on the VIPER skills. This will enable us to tackle different types of comprehension questions. Most of our reading questions will be based on our core text, ‘Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief.’ However, we will also look at other reading genres such as poetry and information texts every other week.



Maths: We will start the term by building upon our knowledge of place value and the number system up to 1,000,000. We will look at multiples, factors and prime numbers. We will be exploring square and cubed numbers. Our next unit will be fractions where we will be learning about equivalent fractions and simplifying, comparing and ordering them.



Science: Our topic this term is ‘Earth and the Solar System.’ We will look at the planets in our solar system, compare their relative sizes and their distances from the Sun. We will also look at the Earth’s rotation and how this causes night and day.



History: This term we continue our learning about the Ancient Greeks. We will be learning the ways in which the empire grew and changed and looking at the different areas of our lives that have been influenced by Ancient Greece such as democracy and theatre.



Music: This half-term we will be continuing to play the Boomwhackers instruments, building our confidence and accuracy to make a solid, strong sound. We will also carry on developing our notation and duration understanding, through both the playing of the notes and with reading the music on the staff, as well as our teamwork and listening skills.



PSHE: This term, we will continue with our topic on Health and Well-being, exploring the physical and emotional changes our bodies go through.



Computing: In this half term, the children will learn how to plan a playable game, know how to incorporate and manipulate media, design and create the game environment with a quest to complete.



PE: Our indoor P.E lessons will focus on dance. Our outdoor lessons this half term focus on learning the skills used in netball. We will focus on correct passing, defending and marking and shooting.



RE: In RE, we are touching on Hannukah, Eid and Christmas.



DT: In DT, we are looking at the use of cams and the impact of input vs output in motion. The children will be designing and creating their own cams linked to a Greek theatre design.



MFL: We will be writing a story in French, using adjective and gender agreement.

If you have any questions at all please contact us or catch us at the end of the school day.

Year 5 children are expected to read 5 times a week which needs to be recorded in their reading record books. Reading record books must be bought in to school every Thursday. We will be doing weekly arithmetic lessons on a Wednesday and would appreciate your support in rehearsing arithmetic skills. Please ensure all uniform is named as this really helps us to get lost jumpers back to the right children. P.E days are on a Tuesday and Thursday where children are expected to come in to school in their P.E kits. All earrings must be removed for P.E lessons.