

## Year 5 Spring 2022 newsletter

Welcome back to Year 5 for the start of the Spring Term. Already, only a week in, it has been a very funny one and let's hope that we are over the worst of it. Thank you for all of your caution and attentiveness on all matters that do and have arisen within the Year 5 classroom.

This term, we will be covering many things and here is an overview of all of the things that we will be learning.

### English and SPaG

We start off the term by looking at non-fiction writing (formal and informal letters), but then we take a shift towards fiction and really engaging our imaginations by studying and writing our own Greek myths. This is done in lots of detail and is always a really engaging and well-completed unit of work. We finish off the term by returning to non-fiction and persuasion.

Our main SPaG focus for this term is parenthesis and how to use this in our writing to make it more interesting for the reader. Obviously, we will still concentrate on spelling, having 2 spelling lessons per week. **Our spelling test will still take place on a Thursday, so please can children have their spelling books in school on a Thursday. If they do not bring their book, unfortunately they will receive a score of 0 as we cannot test them any other way.**

### Maths

We are still going to be heavily focused on fractions this term and the other main topic is measure. This will include converting different measures as well as angles and how to calculate different angles. Please can children practice their times tables at home as often as possible as we are finding that children are really weak with the instant recall of their times tables. Every child has access to TTRS to help them with this.

### Topic- History

This half term we are immersing ourselves into Ancient Greece. We will be thinking about how Ancient Greece has changed the way we live today. We will look at the Greek Gods of Mount Olympus, different Greek myths and also the Olympics- just to name a few.

### RE

This term our focus shifts towards Christianity and the salvation and incarnation.

### PE

Our PE this half term is indoor athletics and is on a Thursday morning. **On a Thursday, can all children come to school ready for PE and bring their school uniform with them to change into afterwards.**

Some other important points to note are that we change library books every Tuesday. Please can library books be in school on a Tuesday if they need to be changed. Reading books can be changed on whatever day your child completes them. Whilst talking about reading, we still have the reading ladder happening in our class. The highest amount of home reads achieved so far this year is 50, which is quite low considering the length of time that we have been in Year 5. If you can read daily with your child, this would benefit them in so many ways (develop reading comprehension, help their imagination, develop their vocabulary) and then they can start to move up our reading ladder. Please remember to sign their reading records when they have read to you.

Thank you for your continued support this year, if you ever have any queries, please contact me. I hope yourself and your child have an enjoyable Spring Term in Year 5.

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