





# Year 5 Class Newsletter

## Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a pleasure welcoming the Year 5 children into their new class. They have returned to school buzzing with excitement sharing their holiday adventures. We have wonderful topics to study this term: Ancient Greece and Space. I am sure the children will be keen to share all their new learning with you.

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Topic	 <p><b>ANCIENT GREECE</b></p> <p>We will be focussing our learning on why this period in history is such an important one? How have the Ancient Greeks influenced how we live today? What were city states and how did they differ? Exploring the daily life of Ancient Greeks. Who were the Greek gods and how did they feature in Greek myths and legends?</p>
English	<p><u>Non- Fiction</u> Learning to research, plan and write a non-chronological report linked to our space topic.</p> <p><u>Fiction</u> Appraising well- known Greek myths and adapting them</p>
Maths	<p>We will be using the White Rose Maths as the core for our learning. This will be supplemented with challenges and consolidation work accordingly. Our main focus for this half term will be place value, addition and subtraction.</p>
Science	<p><u>Space</u></p> <p>We will be researching the various elements of the solar system. Learning about how and why seasons occur Looking at how day and night occur. Compare and contrast our planet to others in the solar system</p> 

Computing	We will begin with looking at the important topic of E-Safety and how to keep safe when online.  The children will learn to programme using the software called Scratch.
PE	We will have PE on Thursdays and Fridays. Your child can wear their kit to school on these days.

### Home Learning:

This half term, I shall be sending home some reading comprehensions, spelling investigations and a mini- research project. The project will run throughout this half term. The children will be asked to select an aspect of either Ancient Greece or Space that interests them and produce either a model, piece of writing, poster or 2 minute presentation to share with their classmates.

Please continue with Times Tables Rock Stars **weekly** and **daily** reading. Your child should aim to read every night for 20 minutes and must note the date and pages they read in their reading record. This will be counted as one read. They should aim to have at least 4 reads per week.

### Equipment needed in Year 5:

- PE days - Thursday and Friday
- Reading records - please hand in on Fridays.
- **Labelled** water bottles
- Please clearly label **all** clothing so it can be returned promptly if misplaced.

### **Keeping connected**

I have managed to meet a few of you at either the start or end of the school day but if I haven't met you yet please feel free to introduce yourself at the end of the day or drop me a message on Dojo if you need to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Mr Griffin  
Year 5 Teacher