



Our topic this term is Greece is the Word. We will be looking at Ancient Greek civilisation and culture as our main History and Geography topics.

In Science, our topic will be Inheritance and Evolution. This involves learning about living things producing offspring of the same kind, whilst passing down particular characteristics. The children will be learning about Mary Anning and Darwin.

Our SEAL themes are Relationship and Changes. The children will continue to look at the importance of British Values.

In R.E. children will explore why Jews celebrate the Passover and why Muslims worship.

In Art and Design Technology, the children will be sketching pillars from the Parthenon and other buildings, constructing 3D sculptures of Parthenon and making Greek vases.



In ICT, children will be writing ancient Greek Newspaper articles, making Ancient Greek multiple choice quizzes on PowerPoint, retelling Aesop's fables as part of a digital story book and designing a website page on J2E to upload onto the school website.

E-Safety will continue to be a focus; please discuss this with your child, especially if you allow them to go online with social media, including games and conversations.

Athletics and games linked to The Olympics, will be taught during PE lessons.

Children will need their indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school at all times. Please make sure your child has suitable outdoor kit too (including a warm sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms). They need pumps for indoors and trainers for outdoors.

In Literacy we will be reading texts/watching clips that involve stories by famous authors, non-fiction and a variety of narrative texts, including poetry. This term, these will include; Greek Myths, Theseus and the Minotaur, Icarus and Daedalus, Medusa, Jason and the Argonauts, The Alchemist's Letter, The Butterfly Lion, The Giant's Necklace and Pandora's Box.

We will continue to follow the TES Spelling scheme where children will be taught spelling patterns and rules; they will have weekly spellings, to learn at home, which will be applied through regular activities in class.

Please help your child by:

- Encouraging your child to read from a wide range of materials, both independently and to an adult for at least 10 minutes each day and sign their diary;
- Reminding them to record their reading in their diary;
- Discussing their reading to ensure understanding;
- Encouraging them to write for pleasure e.g. stories, diaries, letters, e-mails; get them to check these through for correct punctuation being used.
- To practise the spellings with them (help them learn).



In Maths we will be covering all areas of the Maths curriculum. It is important that the children practise their tables at home. Please help your child by:

- Encouraging them to **practise their tables** and the corresponding division facts. Children, by Yr5, should know all the tables.
- Taking opportunities to use and apply maths in everyday situations e.g. cooking, shopping, telling the time.
- Helping them complete any homework

SATs Preparation for Year 6 only

SATs preparation will begin in earnest this term. Maths and English revision clubs will continue on a Tuesday and Wednesday after February half term for selected pupils. The majority of homework for Year 6 pupils will continue to take the form of SATs revision.

Dates for your diary

Year 6 Astley Burf residential—Tue 19th April to Fri 22nd April 2016

Year 6 End of Key stage assessment (SATs) w/b Monday 9th May 2016

Sports Day - 7th June 2016 (Reserve date: Fri 10th June)

Year 6 Production - Monday 18th July (afternoon and evening)

Year 5 Orpheus and The Underworld Play - Date to be advised.

Homework

Children record formal homework in their homework diaries and we would ask that parents check these regularly. This work is often in the form of completing work that has been started in class. Teachers will comment in diaries as and when necessary and parents are encouraged to do the same.

Homework will be set as follows:

5P and 6K

Literacy — Monday to be returned the following Monday.

Spelling - Thursday to be returned Thursday

Maths — Friday to be returned the following Wednesday.

5/6BF

Literacy — Monday to be returned the following Monday.

Spelling - Tuesday to be returned Tuesday

Maths — Friday to be returned the following Friday.

In addition to formally set homework pupils in Years 5/6 are expected to:

- Read their own choice of book *every* day.
- Revise and learn work covered in Maths, Literacy and *Science*.

If you have any questions or concerns please come in and see one of us.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Pickett, Mrs Foster and Mr Keen



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We hope that our overview of this term's topic will provide you with ideas of how to help your child at home.