

Newsletter

YEAR 5



Welcome to the Summer term 2021

We hope you had a lovely restful break and are looking forward to the new term.

Term overview.

At the beginning of this term we have been finishing off our work on the Ancient Greeks. The children have really enjoyed learning about the Greek myths, god, goddesses and the Ancient Greek way of life. They have produced some lovely newspaper reports linked with the Greeks too.

We will now be moving onto WW2 for the rest of this half term and continuing until the end of the academic year. We are very lucky to have our SCITT student, Mrs Parker, return and she has got some lovely activities planned to do with the children relating to this subject.

We will also be getting outside as much as possible and getting involved in team games, tennis and even a bit of dance!

World War 2

The children have been excitedly awaiting this topic and it is here at last! We wanted to do it justice and felt it would be a great topic to do once we had all returned to the classroom. During this half term, the focus will be on evacuees and what it was like to be a child during the Second World War. We are going to delve into a variety of different texts such as Goodnight Mr Tom and Adolphus Tips as well as giving children the opportunity to explore artefacts such as reading original letters from the wartime that Mrs Parker has kindly offered to share. During the second term the focus will be on the invasion into Europe and why it was so important to win the battle of Britain in 1940. We will finish the term looking at refugees within our modern world.

In R.E. we will be looking at what matters most to Christians and Humanists.



TIMES TABLES WE NEED YOU!

Remember to challenge your times on TTRockstars!

Music will link with our topic on World War 2 and the children will learn a variety of songs that were popular within that time.

Our focus in **Maths** this half term is decimals and percentages. Within decimals we will be looking at: **Addition and Subtraction, Multiplying and Dividing, Comparing and Ordering and Finding equivalents between fractions, decimals and percentages.** We will also be working on our retrieval of key facts from prior learning.

In **PSHE** we will be looking at differences, our communities and our economic wellbeing.

Science. Over this term we will be looking at Forces linking them to our World War 2 theme. We will study contact forces (friction, up thrust, air and water resistance) and non-contact forces (magnetic force and gravity). We will also consider why mechanisms are useful.

Homework:

Year 5 can expect 20 minutes each evening. Pupils will be expected to read regularly, learn times tables and complete spelling tasks. There will be a maths sheet and an English comprehension task to complete on these days.

Homework will be given on **Fridays** to be returned **on time** on the following **Friday**.

Due to covid rules, we would kindly ask that if your child is wanting to show us a more practical task they have done as an extra homework, that they bring a photo in rather than the object itself or if they would like, they could post it as a photo or video on Google classroom. **All homework must be signed by a parent or guardian every week (even if you cannot complete any that week).**

P.E and Games:

These lessons will be on **Mondays (P.E)** and **Fridays (Games)**. We will work to improve our skills in athletics, tennis, cricket and dance. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit, black shorts and a white t-shirt PE and a warm jumper and jogging bottoms, or similar to put over the top, to combat any cold weather during games. Waterproof trainers are required for the field. **If your child has long hair can they please remember to bring a hair tie on these days.**

Reading:

Guided reading in class will continue to be a focus. Pupils will also have individual books to enjoy and read at home and these need to be recorded in their reading record book.

In keeping with the schools 'open door policy,' if there is a specific concern, issue or question, we are only too happy to make an appointment to talk to you. It is much easier to address questions when they first arise.