

# Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5. The children have come back to school ready to learn. We look forward to working in partnership with you this year to ensure the best progress for your child.



This term, we will start by focusing on our map skills looking at modern-day Greece. This will lead into our history unit learning about the powerful warriors and leaders from Ancient Greece. Through research, we hope to develop our knowledge of this period and practise our skills as historians. In Art and DT, we will be looking at the intricate detail on Ancient Greek pottery and attempting to replicate this ourselves using clay.



In Science, we have already begun learning about different forces and how these impact in our every day life. After half term we will be exploring Earth and Space. Children will be learning about how night and day occurs, why we have years and seasons and why The Moon has different phases. We will then move on to look at The Solar System, learning about the different planets and our galaxy, The Milky Way.

In English, we will explore a range of genres over the term including modern fiction creating atmosphere and suspense, persuasive writing and performing a speech, Myths and Legends linked to our Ancient Greece history unit and non-chronological reports. Additionally, we will be focusing on regular spelling, punctuation, grammar and handwriting lessons to consolidate and extend its use; this will add accuracy as well as depth to our written and creative work.

In Maths, we will be practising number skills and times tables alongside our daily maths lessons. The children will take part in weekly arithmetic and times tables activities to support their progress across Maths, as well as mastering new concepts, ideas or consolidating previous knowledge.

During Computing lessons, we will be exploring how to stay safe online and learning how to identify factual and trustworthy websites. In Autumn Two we will be looking at programming using Crumble equipment.

In RE, the children will be exploring aspects of Hinduism in Autumn One and Christianity in Autumn Two. We will be considering the importance of prayer and worships for Hindus, before focusing on why Christmas is a such special time for Christians.

Within our PSHE lessons, we will be looking at Me and My Relationships and how we negotiate and compromise with others. We will continue to access MyHappyMinds for the children's mental wellbeing.



In Music, pupils will be practising their singing skills and using body percussion to a variety of songs and rhymes. In Autumn Two, the children will explore singing and song writing in greater detail.

In Spanish, we will be exploring numbers to 50, days and months of the year and places within our town e.g. cinema, train station etc. This will lead to the children being able to ask questions in Spanish and give directions.

Finally in PE the children will be focusing on skills based topics rather than particular sports. For example, in Autumn One our focus is '*Outwitting Opponents*' and we will be looking at how to pass, shoot and defend in a variety of sports. In Autumn Two we will be focusing on Body Composition through Gymnastics. As well as our PE sessions, some children will be having swimming lessons working towards the National Curriculum requirement of being able to swim 25 metres.

Please ensure that P.E kits are in school every day; PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays. This should consist of a PE top in the colour of their house, dark coloured jogging bottoms (for outdoor PE sessions), black shorts, black plimsolls or trainers. Remember children should not wear jewellery during PE; they must remove their earrings for safety reasons.

Weekly homework will be sent out on a Monday; this will revise spellings and times tables to learn. Spelling tests will take place each Monday.

As well as the above, it is important that your child reads regularly at home, ideally 20 minutes a day; this forms part of their set homework. Children should also access TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed from home - if internet access or access to a device is posing a problem, please speak to us.

Please do not hesitate to speak to us at the end of the day or via Class Dojo if you have any questions/concerns. Thank you for your support, we look forward to working with you this year.



**Mrs Laura Taylor and Mrs Claire Hutson**