



Y5 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2024

Hello and a Happy New Year to you all! Welcome back to a new school term which will be busy and full of lots of exciting things to do!

Year 5 Expectations

Always follow whole school guidance on health and safety.

Be responsible for their own learning and conduct.

Take pride in their work and try to produce their best in all lessons.

Be kind and supportive to each other.

Contribute to discussions with peers and adults.

Homework

Doodlemaths to be completed daily (reaching green)

Spellings to go home on a Friday.

Daily reading

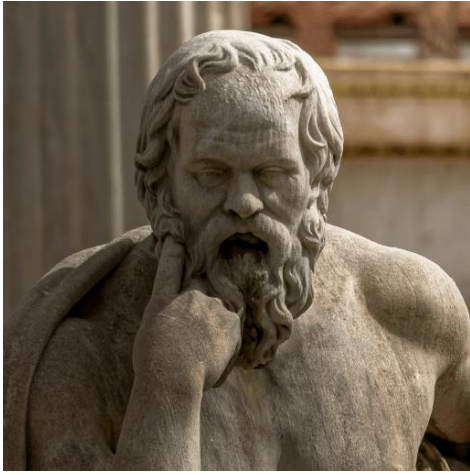
Topic homework

Maths, Comprehension and Grammar homework each week.

Dates

- 11th Jan- Road Safety Workshop
- 29th Jan- Spanish Challenge week
- 2nd Feb – NSPCC Number Day
- 12th and 15th Feb- Parents Evening
- 16th Feb Break Up
- 4th March – Careers week
- 7th March – World Book Day
- 8th March – Mother’s Day stalls
- 11th March- Class Photos
- 21st March – World Syndrome Day
- 25th March – Easter Egg Hunt
- 27th March – British Museum Trip
- 28th March – Easter Bonnet Parade
- 28th March – Break up
- 22nd April – Earth Day
- 23rd April – St George’s Day
- 6th May- Bank Holiday
- 24th May—Break Up





Groundbreaking Greeks

This project teaches children about developments and changes over six periods of ancient Greek history, focusing on the city state of Athens in the Classical age, and exploring the lasting legacy of ancient Greece.

Complete 1 activity from either this box...

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Read and retell the story of Medusa, the Gorgon, who could turn people to stone if they looked at her. Illustrate your story with a detailed drawing of Medusa's face, showing the venomous snakes that sprouted from her head instead of hair.

Spot buildings influenced by Greek architecture around your nearest town or city, and take photographs to show in school. Hunt for columns, statues or pillars. Find out about different types of column (Doric, Ionic, Corinthian) and see if you can identify any of these on your hunt.

Find out about famous Greek philosophers such as Plato, Aristotle, Archimedes and Pythagoras. How did their work influence life today? Make a scrapbook using downloaded images and drawings and write informative sentences and captions.



Write

Read about Narcissus, the young man who fell in love with his own reflection. What is the moral of the story? Write a letter to Narcissus, telling him to change his ways!

Taste some traditional Greek dishes such as moussaka, figs, goat's cheese or taramasalata. Write a food review, describing what you have eaten.

... Or this box

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Design a mythical creature. Which animals' body parts could you include in your design? What personality will your creature have? Make your creature using junk materials and give it a fabulous name.

Be inspired by Greek art! Look at online examples of pottery and create a design for an ancient Greek jug or bowl. You could choose a scene from Greek mythology to represent in your artwork or maybe another familiar story. Remember to use colours typical of Greek art, such as black, white, red and yellow.

Home Learning Ideas! Groundbreaking Greeks – YEAR 5



Athenian Activities

Look carefully at the shapes of the letters of the Greek alphabet. Practise forming them and pronouncing them. Can you teach the alphabet to your family?

Look at holiday brochures and travel websites. Plan a family holiday to one of the Greek islands! If money was no object, where would you go?

Be like an athlete ready to perform at the Olympic Games and get fit by taking a daily run. Time yourself each day. Can you beat your personal best?



This term we will be learning:

Maths	<p>Perimeter and area We will be calculating the area of rectangles, the area of compound shapes and the area of irregular shapes.</p> <p>Multiplication and Division We will be multiplying and dividing 2 digits by 1 digit, 3 digits by 1 digit, 4 digits by 1 digit, 2 digits by 2 digits, 3 digits by 2 digits and dividing with remainders.</p> <p>Fractions We will be looking at equivalent fractions, improper fractions, comparing and ordering fractions, adding and subtracting fractions and multiplying mixed fractions.</p> <p>Decimals and Percentages We will be looking at decimals as fractions, understanding thousandths, looking at thousandths as decimals, rounding decimals, ordering and comparing decimals, understanding percentages and looking at percentages as fractions and decimals.</p> <p>Statistics We will be learning to read and interpret graphs, line graphs and timetables.</p>
English	<p>Wolf Brother – By Michelle Paver <i>“a breath-taking adventure that carries you back thousands of years to a shadowy world steeped in natural magic”</i></p> <p>Children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Write a fantasy story (in first person)- Write an explanation text- <p>Guardian of the Wild Unicorns- By Lindsay Littleson <i>“in the wild Scottish Highlands, best friends Lewis and Rhona discover that legends are true: unicorns are real creatures, darkly magical and in deadly danger”</i></p> <p>Children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Write an adventure story (third person) <p>Write a persuasive letter</p>
Art & Design	<p>Line, Light and Shadows This project teaches children about the visual qualities of line, light and shadow. They explore the work of Pablo Picasso and Rembrandt and are introduced to a range of shading techniques. They take black and white photographs and use pencil, pen and ink wash to reimagine their photographs in a shaded drawing.</p>
Computing	<p>Purple Mash- Spreadsheets The lessons show a progression of knowledge and skills. Children will be using 2Calculate with the Y5 spreadsheets. The use of spreadsheets has a strong link to mathematics - drawing the</p>

	shapes on spreadsheets and counting squares before moving onto using formulae to calculate area and perimeter .
D&T	Architecture - how architectural style and technology has developed over time. Designing a building with specific features.
History	Groundbreaking Greeks - children will learn about developments and changes over six periods of ancient Greek history, focusing on the city state of Athens in the Classical Age and exploring the lasting legacy of Ancient Greece.
Science	Animals including humans This project teaches children about the human life cycle. They explore growth and development to old age, including the changes experienced during puberty and human reproduction.
Music	Pop Ballads- Make you feel my love Hip Hop- Fresh prince of Bel Air Classical- The Flower Duet and Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana
RE	Islam What does it mean to be a Muslim? We will be looking at the Muslim Qu'ran and Prayer at a Mosque. We will be looking at Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr
PSHE	Dreams and Goals Looking at our dream lifestyles, Investigating jobs and careers. What is your dream job? What steps do I need to get there? Dreams of young people in other cultures. How can we support each other? Understanding the need for money to achieve some goals.
PE	Gymnastics – Synchronisation and canon Children will learn to slide, scramble, push and spin. They will work with a partner to create a sequence working symmetrically and asymmetrically. Basketball Children will learn to control a basketball using both hands and how to protect the ball under pressure. They will practise passing the ball using good techniques of having a target, receiving the pass, stepping in the direction of the pass at a chest pass and bounce pass. Dance – Dance through the ages Children will learn to develop a dance demonstrating some agility, balance, co-ordination and precision. They will explore various dances ranging from a 1920's Charleston, 1970's Disco and present day Hip Hop. They will work in groups to create a finished dance that showcases all the eras they have explored. Swimming 5A until February half term and then 5B after half term.
Spanish	¿Qué Fecha Es Hoy? (What Is The Date?) This unit will teach the children months of the year and the key dates in the Spanish calendar. It will enable teachers and children to say the date in Spanish and includes role play activities asking and answering the question 'when is your birthday?' ¿Qué Tiempo Hace? (The Weather) Children will learn how to describe the weather in Spanish with an emphasis on map work and oral presentation skills. At the end of the unit, children produce their own weather forecast.