

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter



Our topic this term is...

It's all Greek to me!

Happy New Year! It sounds as though you have all had a lovely Christmas; the children were very keen to share their holiday news this week. The children will learn about aspects of political, social and cultural Ancient Greek life. They will focus on some areas in depth, such as the systems of government, religion and the importance of the Olympic Games. They will examine the legacy of the Ancient Greeks, and will have opportunities for further study of areas of interest. The children will utilise a variety of sources of evidence to develop their knowledge and understanding of the time period. In art, children will be using their design skills to print a simple design onto a Greek pot, as well as designing and making Greek sandals.

Maths

We are continuing with our work on fractions this half term by looking at links to decimal numbers and percentages. We will then move into algebra, where we will be using simple formulae and expressing missing number problems algebraically. We will be using our knowledge of measurement to look at perimeter, area and volume.

English

The children will be exploring mythical stories during our English sessions and will have a go at writing their own mythical story.

We will then focus on the importance of the Olympic games to the Greeks. The children will have the opportunity to write their own historical story linked to an event in the Olympics

We will finish our English topic by writing a Non-Chronological report, sharing our facts and information from this topic.

PE

Our focus this half term in school is gymnastics and tag rugby. Our PE sessions are now on a Wednesday and Friday. The children will be learning about balancing in gymnastics and they will be developing their skills in tag rugby.

Science

Children will build on learning from Y3 and 4 about the main body parts and internal organs (skeletal, muscular and digestive system). We will find out about the circulatory system, as well as the impact of lifestyle on our bodies,



Computing

We will be focussing on spreadsheets this half term. The children will be solving problems linked to real life problems such as keeping track of how much of their pocket money they have spent.

Homework

A 'Topic Challenge Menu' will be uploaded to Google Classroom. This will include a range of suggested tasks that will enhance and develop learning linked with our topic. Children can choose to complete selected tasks from the list of suggestions. Tasks will be assigned 1, 3 or 5 points. Children should aim for a minimum of 20 points across the half term.

Reading and Spelling

Children will be given 12 spellings each Friday which will be tested on the following Friday morning. A good way to learn spellings is to say the word, cover it, write it, check it. This should be done until your child can spell a word correctly three times. It is better to learn 3 or four words a night rather than learning them all at once. Children should read with an adult at least three times a week. This is recorded at school. Reading at home is so important for vocabulary development and helping develop imagination for writing.