**Welcome to Year 5 Summer**

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to Year 5. The children have settled into their new classes extremely well, and are becoming familiar with new routines. The Upper end of KS2 is an exciting and busy place to be, and so we want to support you in every way we can. You will receive information about whole school issues through school newsletters, but we also wanted to send you our own information about Year 5 through a newsletter so here is the first one of the year. If you have any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to come and speak to us.

Thank you,

Miss Dowson and Miss Hendry



**English**

This term, our English will be linked to a variety of texts including a newspaper report about the Colin verus Cuthbert court case and texts based on the Ancients Greeks including Hercules. We will begin with Classic texts by C.S Lewis. The writing genres we will be looking at are setting descriptions, discussion, instructions and myths and legends.

In our reading sessions, we will practise comprehension skills to help our understanding of a text. Grammar, punctuation, spelling and handwriting will be practised daily in class.

Children will be moving away from using simple sentences and look at extending sentences to create more complex and interesting sentences.

Finally, we will be encouraging all children to speak clearly in full sentences. This will help children speak confidently in front of their peers and to perform their Haiku poems.

**Maths**

The children love daily Maths lessons and rise to the challenge of timed tests. Times tables and mental arithmetic will be practised daily to improve our rapid recall skills. In Year 5 we expect children to know all their times tables. Weekly ‘times tables tests’ will be completed on a Friday. Please support your child in learning all of their times tables –you could quiz them on the way to and from school! Maths homework will be set every week on a Friday. The main areas we will cover this term are:

* Decimals
* Position
* Volume
* Shape

**Science**

We will begin to test different theories based on materials and their properties. After half term we will learn all about plants and habitats and how we can protect our world. We will test lots of different hypothesis and examine the results.

The children will be doing lots of experiments, scientific thinking and working as scientists.

**RE**

The focus of this term’s R.E work is Transformation, Freedom and Responsibility and Stewardship. We will look at how we all have different qualities and talents that make us unique. We will be able to retell stories about religious events and people, such as and describe what it means to be called to live a Christian life. We will learn to make links between the scripture and the call to holiness, whilst developing our religious vocabulary. Children will focus on how the disciples began spreading the word of God and how Jesus transformed Saul’s life. Our stewardship topic will focus on helping others especially those around the world.



**History**

We are very excited to be learning all about Ancient Greece! Children will look at how the Greeks created the first Olympics and why. Why they had so many Gods and Goddesses plus what made Zeus very angry! We will look at life in Ancient Greece and how their democracy worked.

**Computing**

We are very busy in Computing this term because we are going to create our own circuits using a programme called crumble. Children will use motors, sparkles and wheels to create a range of circuits. We will then focus on using programming using scratch to complete a range of commands. We will use lots of if, if, if, then commands and see if we can identify which programmes are the most efficient and why.

Homework

Children in year 5 are required to do homework almost every night. The amount of homework given is carefully thought out and should never take more than one hour to complete. Included (each night) in this is 15minutes reading. They should spend 10 minutes on tables and 10 minutes on spellings which are set each week. In addition, one week there will be English work and the subsequent week Maths homework. They also have one reading plus to complete at home a week. As always, thank you very much for your wonderful support!

**Important Dates!**

**06.05.22- Stay and pray**

**22.05.22- May Crowning**

**26.05.22- Half term**

**PE**

Our P.E lessons are delivered by Mr Poole and the children will learn the rules of tennis. This will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. On a Wednesday morning, we will look at athletics and test all our different athletic abilities. Children will also learn why P.E is so important and the effects that exercise has on the body.

As the weather becomes warmer please make sure children have an appropriate P.E kit including dark tracksuit bottoms, shorts, a white top and a zip up jacket. Thankyou.

**Geography**

Our geography lessons will be based on our history topic of Ancient Greece. We will locate the different cities around the world that have hosted the Olympic Games. Children will also look at how Greece’s empire has changed over time and what remains of it now.

Art, Music and D&T

These areas of the curriculum will be linked mainly with our History, Geography and English. Children focus on an art based on Ancient Greek’s pottery and the children will create their own pottery.

 In D and T, the children will be creating air rockets! They will have to design and build an air rocket that can travel the furthest and explain why that happened.