

Year 5 and 6

Curriculum Letter

Autumn 2 2023

In **English** lessons this half term, we will be linking our learning with our history topic. We will be reading different Ancient Greek Myths and developing different aspects of writing genres and tasks linked to these.

Our grammar work will look at understanding and developing the use of: relative clauses including relative pronouns; word classes; subordinating conjunctions; varying sentence openers; using "ed" drop in clauses and continuing to use figurative language for description.

Our work on punctuation development will focus on: the use of apostrophes for contraction and possession; dashes, commas and brackets for parenthesis; colons for lists and semi-colons to separate phrases, as well as using colons and semi-colons to separate clauses.

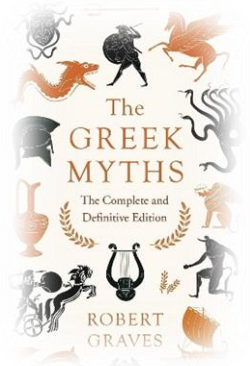
Our non-fiction work will focus on developing the writing of non-chronological reports, which will be linked to our history topic.



In **Maths** the children will develop their fluency skills linked to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will be developing efficient mental strategies, learning how to develop the use of informal jottings to assist calculations as well as developing efficient formal methods for more complex sums. The children will be given opportunities to solve one, two and multi-step worded problems, as well as developing their skills in reasoning and explaining.

ART: This half term our art work is linked to our history topic. The children will be researching, designing and creating Ancient Greek Pots, made out of clay. In addition, the children will be looking at different Ancient Greek mythical monsters and then creating their own, using a variety of different media. In **D.T** we will be developing our knowledge and skills by looking at structures, specifically bridges. Through these lessons, we will investigate stronger and weaker shapes, identify beam, arch and truss bridges before completing a bridge and consider areas for

The **History** this half term will be learning about Ancient Greece. In addition to learning about the everyday lives of an Ancient Greek person, the children will learn about Greek religion; war, including weapons, boats and armour; the city states of Athens and Sparta; the Olympic games and Alexander the Great. The children will begin their journey learning where Ancient Greece fits within the different periods of World History.



In **PE**, on a Thursday afternoon, the children will be developing their football skills with Becky from **Kidderminster Harriers**. This will be linked to part of our science topic on how to live a healthy lifestyle and making sensible choices. The children will also be completing their 10-week swimming course on Friday mornings at Lower Wick Pool.

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) will continue with learning the German language. The children will consolidate and re-visit work from Autumn 1: including greetings and numbers.

The children will develop their knowledge of the verbs: to have and to be as well as the pronouns: I, he, she.

The children will be learning about family members; days of the week and months of the year.

The children will be reading, writing and speaking German words and sentences.

Computing sessions this half term will be taught by Mr Dennis. The children will be introduced to the creation of websites for a chosen purpose. They will identify what makes a good web page and use this information to design and evaluate their own website using Google sites. Throughout the process the children will pay specific attention to copyright and fair use of media, the aesthetics of the site and navigation paths.



The **Science** topic this half term is: Animals Including Humans. The children will be learning about the circulatory system; arteries, veins and capillaries; oxygenated and deoxygenated blood and what elements blood transports. In addition, the children will be learning about the negative effects of drugs, smoking and alcohol – this will be reinforced through The Health Kicks scheme led by Becky from Kidderminster Harriers Football Club on Thursday afternoons.

RE this half-term is based around the key question: Why do Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah?

The children will develop their understanding of Gospel and Prophecy texts within the Bible and explain connections between Incarnation and Messiah.

They will be learning about how Christians put their beliefs about Jesus' incarnation into practise in different ways when celebrating Christmas.

In **Music** this term, the children will be analysing different pieces of music with musical vocabulary, developing dynamics, texture and ostinato in music, and learning to perform songs with expression, while focusing on tone and praising. They will compose and perform their own compositions.

In **PSHE** we will be learning about **Valuing Differences**. This **SCARF** unit will help children understand bullying and how to stand up to bullying; treating people kindly; treating others with respect and understanding how to live in our diverse culture.

This half-term English homework will be set every **Monday**, and should be completed and handed in by the **Thursday** of the same week. This will be set by Mrs Waller. Maths homework will be set every **Friday**, and should be completed and handed in by the **Monday** of the following week. This will also be set by Mrs Waller. Each homework task should take between 20 and 30 minutes.

Spellings will be given out by Mrs Waller every **Friday** and the children will be tested the following **Friday**.

We would like children to read at home at least **three** times per week. Please continue to record reading in children's reading diaries.

Do not forget **Times Table Rock Stars**, which the children can access at home – this will help them with fluency and accuracy of all appropriate times tables. If your child has forgotten their details please let us know.

Kind regards Mrs Waller and Mrs Langbridge