

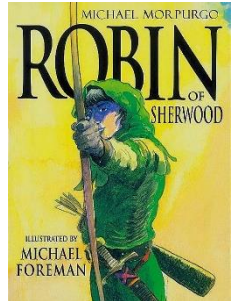
Year 5 and 6 Curriculum Letter

Autumn 1: 2021

I hope the following information will be helpful and provide you with an overview of the curriculum in our class this half-term.

In **English** lessons this half-term, the children will be reading Robin of Sherwood by Michael Morpurgo. They will be developing their ability to write setting and character descriptions by using a variety of effective and advanced vocabulary, grammar and punctuation based on this book. In addition they will be re-writing a chapter of this book using their own ideas on how to change the plot.

The children will also be learning how to write Journalistic Reports, this will be linked to the class text (Robin of Sherwood) as well as developing their skills in writing non-chronological reports which will be linked to their topic and science work.



In **French** lessons the children will be consolidating vocabulary from last year as well as learning new vocabulary, writing sentences and speaking orally.

In **Maths** this half term, the children will be developing their knowledge of place value as well as developing mental and written strategies for addition and subtraction.

They will apply their knowledge to one step and multi-step word problems as well as developing their skills in reasoning and explanation.

It is very important that children are accurate and fluent in all of their times tables, so please practise as much as possible with your child.

PE this half term will be developing fundamental skills and then applying these through hockey. The children will also be completing OAA. PE will be on Wednesday and Friday each week.

Our **Topic** this half term is **geography-based**. We will be learning about the country of Greece. In addition to learning about the geographical location of Greece in relation to the world, the children will also learn about: the human and physical features of Greece, including the biome and climate; traditional Greek food; the population of the country and land-use.



The **Science** topic this half term is Animals including Humans. The children will be identifying and naming the parts of the human circulatory system as well as describing the functions these parts play; describing the ways in which nutrients and water are transported in the body; researching the impact of diet and exercise on the body including devising their own exercise experiment and learning about illegal and legal drugs, including alcohol and smoking.

In **RE** this term the children will be considering the question: Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people?

Art: this term the children will be working with Mrs Way looking at paintings showing "Food in Art". They will be looking at the work of Cezanne, Wayne Thiebold, Peter Anton and Georges Braque. The children will be making 3D models using Paper Mache and developing drawing skills through still life.



HOMEWORK – including reading and spelling

This term we would like Year 5 and 6 to read at home, at least 3 times per week. We would then ask either you or your child to record in the homework diaries that they have read. These will then be checked, in school, on Fridays. At the end of the half term, the children will be rewarded accordingly.

Spellings will be given out on a Monday and the children will be tested in school on a Friday. The children will be practising these in school but reinforcement at home is invaluable. The first set of spellings will be given out on Monday 13th September.

Homework will be set and put on Google Classroom on a Friday. It needs to be completed by Wednesday of the following week. The first homework will be set this Friday 10th September.

Any concerns please come and speak to any of the Year 5 and 6 staff.