

Year 5 and 6 Curriculum Letter

Autumn 2: 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 and writing stories and aspects of stories linked to our history topic – The Ancient Greeks. We will reading different Ancient Greek myths and legends. The majority of our punctuation and grammar work will also link to this genre of reading.

We will be developing our knowledge on how to write non-chronological reports. This will also link to our history topic as well as our science work this half term.

Each week the children will continue to be set spellings which we would like them to learn, as well as to learn their definitions. These will be given out on a Monday and tested on a Friday.



In **Maths** this half term, the children will be developing their knowledge of multiplication, division and fractions. They will learn to increase the speed and accuracy in mental and written strategies for both of these number operations. The children will also be presented with opportunities to apply their fluency in these areas to one and two step word problems, reasoning and explaining. The children will also develop their understanding of fractions: ordering, comparing, equivalent, addition and subtraction.

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

PE this half term will be developing fundamental skills through our new Jasmine resource. We will be incorporating these skills into developing football skills.

Our **Topic** this half term is **history-based**. We will be learning about Ancient Greece: the daily lives of Ancient Greek people; Athens and Sparta; Ancient Greek gods and goddesses; the Olympics and other interesting facts and knowledge linked to this period in history.

The **Science** topic this half term is Living Things and their Habitats. Throughout this half term we will be learning about how all living things are classified using a system based on their characteristics. We will be looking at the work of taxonomists. We will be studying different types of micro-organisms and where they can be found. We will also be looking at microbes: both helpful and harmful types.

In **RE** this term the children will be completing work to answer the Key Question: Why do Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah?



Art: this term the children will be working with Mrs Way. They will be studying Ancient Greek pots; designing one and then using clay to make their own.



HOMEWORK

This term we would like Year 5 and 6 to continue 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.

Homework will be set and put on Google Classroom on a Friday. It needs to be completed by Wednesday of the following week. A different subject will be set each week: English, maths, science or geography, sometimes there may be more than one subject set.