

## Year 5 Autumn term newsletter

September 2023

We are really looking forward to the new year with our new classes and working on some exciting and interesting topics.

The forthcoming term will be very busy as we start working on our new theme- To Infinity and Beyond!

To Infinity and Beyond will cover different historical and geographical elements including planets, earth, sun and moon as well as the Ancient Greeks and the part they played in discoveries in the solar system, as well as their beliefs in gods and goddesses.

- In literacy, we will be focussing on myths. We will base our writing on The adventures of Odysseus and Theseus and the Minotaur to write narrative to build mood and tension. These texts will enable us to improve our narrative writing and consider how to engage our reader through vocabulary and sentence structure. Towards the second half of the term, we will focus on writing guides and reports. We will base our writing on How to be a Space Explorer by Mark Brake and The Boy in the Tower by Polly Yo-Hen.
- In numeracy, the focus will be on the basics of number, which includes place value, rounding, negative numbers etc. to provide a firm foundation for progress across the rest of the year.
- In science, our main focus this term will be linked to our theme and will cover space, the planets and the role scientists have played in discoveries which mean we now have a greater understanding of the solar system. We will learn about particular scientists - Mae C Jemison and Galileo and their discoveries.
- In History, we will learn about the Ancient Greeks and also link this to geography skills where we will examine how land use has changed from Ancient Greek times to modern time.
- In Guided Reading, we will be focusing on a variety of texts which will cover range and breadth to support the children in developing their reading skills.
- In year 5, the children will have P.E on Wednesday and will need their P.E kits in school, ready for this session.
- Homework will be handed out on Thursdays and will need to be completed and handed in on the following Wednesday.

We look forward to working with you to support your child's learning next year.

Mr Hooper, Mr Zada, Miss Hammond and Miss Gumbs

Year 5 teachers