

Year 5 Spring Newsletter 2024/2025

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

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

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 English, we will be focussing on myths. We will base our writing on "Theseus and the Minotaur" to write an extract as a narrative to build mood and tension. This text will enable us to improve our narrative writing and consider how to engage our reader through vocabulary and sentence structure.

In the last 2 weeks of the first half-term, we will be creating our own myths based on the text.

In Guided Reading, we will be reading a variety of myths to support the children in developing their reading skills but further their understanding of Ancient Greeks.

We will also be increasing the number of spellings to a maximum of 15 in preparation for year 6. The children will continue to work on joining handwriting neatly and correctly.

We will have a big focus on reading this term and our class author is Shana Jackson.

In Math, the focus will be on fractions then we will be looking at shape and measure. These topics will help the children increase the breadth and depth of their understanding of the world around them.

In Science, our focus this term will be linked to our theme and will cover space, the planets and the role scientists have played in discoveries leading to a greater understanding of our solar system. Our scientist under the microscope will be Mae C Jemison and Neil deGrasse Tyson.

In Humanities, we will connect our study of Ancient Greek myths to an exploration of how the Greeks utilised their land to facilitate territorial expansion. Additionally, we will examine how these practices and their impacts have evolved from antiquity to the present day.

In Art, we will be creating Cycladic sculptures. Our artists will be Henry Moore and Amedeo Modigliani.

In Spring 1, The children will have P.E on Wednesday **only** and will need to come to school in their P.E kits.

Homework will be handed out on Friday and completed for Wednesday. Homework will be complete using Google Classrooms.

Mr Eyre, Miss Gumbs, Mr Zada and Mr Hooper.

Year 5 teachers