

Year 5 Newsletter – Autumn 2025

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Class charts - Please ensure you are checking class charts regularly as this is our main channel of communication. If you have any questions/ queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or Miss Shaw (Year Lead) on class charts.

Welcome back!

We have been so pleased to welcome the children back into school after the summer holidays. The children have settled in well and we have had a positive start to Year 5. It has been lovely to see their eagerness to learn and their positive attitude to learning. We are all excited for the year to come and to see the children grow, learn and develop.

Year 5 Core Subjects Curriculum

Maths

This term we will be developing our skills in place value, exploring numbers up to 1 million. We will be developing our addition and subtraction skills using written methods and working with larger numbers. As well as looking at factors, multiples and prime numbers and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.

Reading

The class text for this half term is 'Illegal' by Eion Colfer – the children are really enjoying this text and we have had some fantastic discussions. After half term, we will be reading Mark of the Cyclops which links in nicely with our Curriculum focus on Ancient Greece.

English

We shall also use these texts to support our writing, we will be writing a diary, narrative, biography and a myth. Through this writing we will develop our writing skills including, speech, relative clauses and fronted adverbials.

Science

Our science topics for this term are Forces and Space. This will include conducting experiments exploring forces and how they are affected. We will be looking at how to conduct a fair test and different ways to present our findings. In our space topic, we will be looking at the different planets in our solar system, the phases of the moon and night and day.

PE

In PE we will focus on Dance, Gymnastic and Football. Developing our skills in all these areas as well as learning about how our bodies react to movement and how to keep ourselves safe and healthy.

Our Curriculum

Our curriculum topic for the Autumn term focusses on Ancient Greece. The children enjoyed our 'Hook Day' where we explored artefacts from Ancient Greece, recreated our own Ancient Greek Olympics and designed and made our own Greek plate.

Throughout the Autumn term we will be extending our knowledge through our curriculum lessons.



In Geography: we will be identifying countries in Europe, identifying Greece on a map and comparing modern Greece to Ancient Greece. We will also be looking at the physical and human features of Greece.

In History: we will be exploring artefacts and replicas to explore how people in Ancient Greece lived their everyday life, comparing this to modern day life. We will be looking at the history of Ancient Greece – focussing on the City States, Sparta and Athens. We will also be creating timelines to discover where the Ancient Greeks fit in with world history.

In Art: we will be making observations about Greek pottery and be designing and making our very own Greek pot out of clay and decorating them.

In PSHE: We will be focusing on developing our understanding of communication with others, our emotions and how we can be the best we can be.

In RE: We will be considering the following questions:

Autumn 1 - What does it mean to be spiritual?

Autumn 2 – What does it mean for Christians to believe God is holy and loving?

In Computing: we will be looking at Online Safety and how to keep safe online.

In D.T: we will be creating and using pulleys and levers.

In French: we will be practising language to present ourselves and converse with others.



Key information

PE – All classes have PE on a Wednesday so should come dressed in their PE kits. (Plain black/ grey tracksuits are permitted – no logos please).

Spellings – Spelling tests every Wednesday. Please support your child by practising their spellings with them at home.

Reading – All children should be bringing a reading book home, please ensure your child is reading daily and their reading record is signed by an adult.

Home project suggestions

If you wish to, you may want to do one of the following at home with your child – we would love to see pictures!

- Create a fact file of a famous Ancient Greek person.
- Design and create your very own piece of Greek pottery.
- Create a piece of artwork based on one of the famous Ancient Greek landmarks.
- Could you create a timeline of key events in Ancient Greece?