

# Year 5/6 Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2

### The Year 5/6 Teaching Team

#### Class 8



Miss Barnicoat



Mr Jennings



Mr Maldonado

#### Class 9



Mrs Tillotson

#### Class 10



Mr Kershaw



Mr Adamson

### English

During November and December, UKS2 will be writing balanced arguments that have been developed through oracy, debating and justification of viewpoint. Greek Myths will be interrogated, examined and speculated upon from the start of this genre. Over the next two weeks, the pupils will be reading the famous Greek Myth of Icarus and Daedalus.

### Maths

We will be further developing and strengthening our knowledge of the four operations. UKS2 will begin to reason and problem solve through missing number work and open ended problems. Fluency 15 will continue to run in each session with pupils practising times tables and basic mental maths. Problem solving activities are now being introduced in Mathletics and all pupils will continue to use TT Rockstars.

### Forest School

This term the new timetable has allowed UKS2 to provide a full Forest School day every other Monday - commencing Monday 11th November. Pupils must attend school wearing suitable outdoor clothing (not school uniform) for the whole day. This will allow students to experience new and exciting activities including; den and fire building, classification and foraging.

### Topic: Ancient Greece

This term Years 5 and 6 will be exploring the Ancient Greeks. We will be studying the legacy they had on modern day society through their numerous contributions to education, art and culture. Furthermore, we will investigate the impact they had on both science and the history of the world! We will be creating numerous pieces of artwork based around this topic.

### Science/MFL/SWAP

Within science, pupils will be working scientifically to develop their own hypotheses, methodology and conclusions based on gathered evidence. This will be done through a range of exciting experiments exploring different aspects of science.

In MFL, we will be studying French. We will be focusing on greetings and numbers in the first instance.

SWAP is a programme for students in Y5 - Y6 that provides techniques and activities to help students learn good habits that promote healthier wellbeing.

### Homework.

Maths, spelling and reading homework will go out every **Wednesday** and will need to be returned on the following **Monday**. This will begin week commencing 6/11/2019

Please try to work with your child to facilitate their learning at home.

### P.E.

We love PE in Year 5/6 and we have lots of exciting, energetic and, most importantly, fun activities planned for the year ahead! Therefore, it is really important that we are kitted out correctly. We suggest bringing PE kit into school on a Monday and taking it home to be washed on a Friday to avoid children without kit. Can all pupils ensure that they wear the correct, new coloured PE kit and suitable footwear.

### Dates for your Diary

7/11/2019- KS2 Workshop (maths and English)  
13/11/2019- Year 6 at cinema all morning (reward)  
28/11/2019-Takeover Day + Maths Mastery @ RTHS  
10/12/2019-UKS2 Science and Media Trip  
19/12/2019-Christmas Lunch