

Year 5/6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

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English

During this term, both Years 5 and 6 will be using their acting skills to role-play one of the most famous battles of all time- The Battle of Marathon. Over the first few weeks, the pupils will be creating a newspaper report after researching both Greek city states and Persian culture. We will also be using our class text 'Who Let the Gods Out?' to inspire further pieces of writing about the Ancient Greeks.

Maths

We will be further developing and strengthening our knowledge of place value. UKS2 will begin to read, write, order and compare large numbers up to 10 million. Fluency 15 will continue to run in each session with students practising times tables and basic mental maths. New Year 5 pupils will be introduced to Mathletics and all pupils will continue to use TT Rockstars.

Forest School

This term, we will be having a Forest School day every Week 1 (Monday) and a Forest School afternoon every Week 2 (Thursday). Pupils must attend school wearing suitable outdoor clothing (not school uniform) for the whole day. This will allow students to experience a range of activities including foraging, fire lighting and using tools. We will be linking some of our Forest School sessions to our Ancient Greece topic.

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 history of the world! We will be creating numerous pieces of artwork based around this topic.

Science/French/Computing

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—starting with Archimedes!

In French, we will be developing our knowledge of greetings, as well as learning simple phrases such as how to order food in a restaurant.

In computing we will begin by looking at E-safety and how our pupils can ensure they are using the internet safely and effectively.

Homework

All pupils should be reading three times a week at home with an adult.

Please continue to encourage your child to use Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed regularly at home.

There is also an optional homework which can be viewed on the website.

PE

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. Pupils should attend school wearing their PE kits on the designated days—these are a Week 1 (Thursday) and a Week 2 (Monday). Please visit the school website to see the PE uniform requirements.

Dates for your Diary

27/09/2021—Training Day—School Closed to Pupils
29/09/2021–01/10/2021 —Year 5 Lineham Farm Residential
30/09/2021—Mental Health Champions Workshop—Year 6
06/10/2021—UKS2—Dogs Trust Workshop
22/10/2021— Last day of half term
01/11/2021—School opens for Autumn 2 Term