

# Year 5/6 Newsletter

## Autumn Term 1

### The Year 5/6 Teaching Team

#### Class 8



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### English

During this term, Year 5 and 6 will base their writing around their new topic: 'Ancient Greece'. Using research skills, they will write a non-chronological report about the Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses. Subsequently, the children will study the Battle of Marathon, using it as a stimulus to compose a newspaper report. They will develop their understanding of the battle through roleplay and research, in order to encapsulate the famous events of that day.

### 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. All UKS2 pupils will continue to use Mathletics and TT Rockstars. Don't forget, these can also be accessed at home.

### Forest School

This term, we will be having a Forest School day every Monday (this is both Week 1 and Week 2). 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 this term.

### 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! The children will learn about key individuals, such as: Aristotle, Archimedes and Socrates.

### Science/French/Computing/RE

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—including Archimedes!

In French, we will be developing our knowledge of greetings, as well as learning simple phrases that will allow us to get to know each other better.

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

In RE, we will be learning about special journeys and places.

### 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 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 (Tuesday and Friday). Please visit the school website to see the PE uniform requirements.

### Dates for your Diary

Please refer to the school website for further details and additional key dates.

10.09.25—KS2 Meet the Teacher

17.09.25—Flu Immunisations (whole school)