

Summer Term – 2nd half

<p>English</p>	<p>This half term our English lessons will link to our history topic of Ancient Greece. We will begin by reading different myths and use these as models to write our own exciting myths.</p> <p>The children will also write a non-chronological report about the Olympics based on their own research. They will also read a range of poems with figurative language such as similes, metaphor and personification and prepare a performance of one of the poems studied.</p> <p>The children will continue to have a weekly guided reading session and discrete spelling, grammar and handwriting sessions.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p>	<p>We will be revising and practicing the 7,8, 9 and 12 times tables.</p> <p>In our maths lessons we will be focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Rounding whole numbers and decimals up to 1,000,000.➤ Multiplying numbers up to 4 digits using a written method of long multiplication.➤ Rounding decimals to the nearest whole number or one decimal place.<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Solving problems involving measure.➤ Understanding and use equivalences between metric and imperial conversions.➤ Estimating and calculating the area of regular and irregular shapes. <p>Mrs McLean will also teach maths on a Wednesday afternoon, she will be focusing on written methods of short and long division.</p>
<p>Science</p>	<p>This half term, our science topic will be ‘animals including humans’.</p> <p>The children will develop their understanding of the life cycle of humans by learning about gestation periods, the growth of babies, changes in old age and life expectancy.</p>

Computing	The children will use purple mash to create a quiz and a maze game based on their learning in science and history.
P.E	<p>PE is on a Tuesday and Thursday each week. Please ensure your child has their kit in school. If your child has pierced ears please ensure they do not wear earrings on these days.</p> <p>Our PE topics this half term are cricket and hockey, which will be taught by a sports specialist.</p>
Art	We will be developing our ability to draw and paint the human form in proportion, looking at examples of Greek sculptures before creating our own 3D sculptures.
History	<p>Mrs McLean will teach the children about Ancient Greece this half term.</p> <p>The children will learn about the geography of Greece, Greek beliefs, myths and legends, the history of the Olympics and also Greek conquerors and how Greece has influenced the rest of the world.</p>
Music	The class will continue to learn to play the African (djembe) drums. Lessons are on a Wednesday morning, taught by Mr Fitton.
R.E	<p>Our RE topic this half term is 'exploring the lives of significant women in the Old Testament'.</p> <p>We will read the stories of women in the Old Testament and consider how their actions reflect their values and commitment.</p> <p>We will also be looking at the Christian value of 'faithfulness' as our whole school worship theme.</p>
Mandarin	The children will be taught Mandarin for one hour each Tuesday by a language specialist.
Homework	<p>Please continue to support your child at home with their reading and record the pages they have read or when a book has been completed by signing and commenting in the record. Any additional materials that they read can also be recorded in their reading record.</p> <p>Spellings will be sent home each Friday and tested the following Friday. Please help your child to practise their spellings regularly, using a method such as 'Look, Cover, Write, Check', and ensure their book is in school on test day.</p>

Please note that weekly spellings will now be posted on our 'Year 5' page of the school website, in addition to being sent home in the spelling book.

Homework will be given out every week on Friday, and must be completed and returned to school for the following Wednesday.

Mathematics homework each week is set on MyMaths. Children have their own passwords to access this.

Please also support your child by encouraging them to learn and practice their multiplication tables each week.

Please continue to sign your child's homework diary each week and make a comment as this is a useful way of communicating between home and school about your child's learning.