

# Curriculum Newsletter

## Autumn Term ~ Year 5&6

Hello! I hope you have all enjoyed your summer break! I hope you feel refreshed and ready to begin Autumn Term 2019. Parents, if you have any skills, resources or experiences that you could share with us on our topic that may support our learning intentions, we would love for you to share them.

This term the children will undertake a project on **The Ancient Greeks**.

In our History lessons, children will find out who the Ancient Greeks were and plot important developments on a timeline as well as other world and British national history. They will research what life was like in the ancient cities of Athens, Sparta and Corinth. They will learn the importance of the Greek gods and that it was extremely unwise to make them angry! Greek society (including politics, clothing and food) will be explored and related to modern-day Greece to investigate what has survived of the Ancient Greeks. Their unfortunate demise will be explored and questioned. In Geography, Ancient Greece as well as the seas surrounding it will be studied, including the vast empire of Alexander the Great.

Numeracy will form an integral link in our project, as the children focus on and learn about the work of Greek mathematicians Archimedes and Pythagoras, even looking into ancient cyphers made by Polybius. Much focus will be on Number work, in particular place value and the four operations of calculation. Knowledge of times tables will be at the forefront of everyday group tasks, supported by a variety of iPad apps and written work.

Literacy work will focus on the structure and language of newspaper reports, a form of recount writing, with the children gaining their inspiration from our class text, 'Girl of Ink and Stars' by Kiran Millwood Hargrave. As well as our class text, Greek myths and legends will be read and analysed during Guided Reading, where questions that encourage the children to infer (read between the lines) and explain will be answered together. Personal opinions will be shared and discussed with reference to the text.

The children will once again form a company that will specialise in an aspect of the Ancient Greeks. The Collection, Lincoln and their events department are keen to work with us and a project commission will centre on promoting Greek Legacy in the 21st Century.

Science will explore 'Earth & Space' and DT 'Greek inventions', both of which will link to the project. In PSHE, we will consider 'New Beginnings', in RE our learning will be around Hinduism. In PE, the children will be undertaking activities MSP and will be developing ball skills, control, coordination and teamwork through multi-skills activities. Computing skills will continue develop, alongside awareness of online safety.

Kind regards, Mr Anderson and Mrs Higginson

### Update:

Thank you for continuing to engage with Class Dojo to keep up to date with what is happening in school. Please check the 'Class Story' and 'Pupil Story' updates which give a window into the classroom. 'Pupil Story' allows your children and myself to share photos with only their parents.

Please listen to your child read 3-4 times a week for 10-15 minutes, it makes a huge difference to their learning and understanding.

### Messages:

P.E will continue to take place on Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has a labelled kit in school on these days – it is typical to keep the kit bag in school all the time.

For PE, earrings must be removed after the 6 weeks by the child themselves or your child should cover their lobes with a plaster/micropore. Long hair must be tied back securely.