

Year 5 Autumn Term: It's All Greek



Science

As scientists, we will be revising the three states of matter and properties of materials and investigating further properties, such as solubility and thermal conductivity. We will separate materials using a range of methods and understand that some changes are irreversible. After half term, we will study life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds.

Geography

We will be locating Greece on a world map and looking closely at its land and topographical features.

History

As historians, we will be discovering what life was like for Ancient Greeks and considering their influence on the modern western world. We will celebrate our learning at the end of term with a Greek Day!

Art

As artists, we will be exploring the technique of Batik and link this to our RE topic of Hinduism.

Physical Education

In outdoor PE, we will be playing invasion games and learning Greek dance. Please have PE kits in school every day.

Design and Technology

In D&T, we will be designing and making our own Greek togas using our sewing skills. We will wear these for our end of topic celebratory Greek feast! We will also be researching, healthy foods and designing and making nutritious food for our Greek feast.

Life Skills (Citizenship and PSHE)

In PSHE, we will be looking at new beginnings within this, we will create a class charter, explore feelings, look at belonging and how we create a community within the school.

Music

As musicians, we will be looking at African Djembe drums and the techniques for playing them and creating different sounds. As a class, we will look in depth at some African cyclic patterns and will be recreating these and devising our own on our drums.

Religious Education

In RE, we will be looking at Hinduism and what Hindus believe. We hope to take part in the Northampton Diwali procession to celebrate our learning and the Hindu faith.

Computing

In computing, we will apply our English skills to become bloggers, creating our own blogs on a particular theme and commenting respectfully on the posts of others. Later, we will become web developers and create our own website about cyber safety.





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Dear Parents/Carers.

We are looking forward to next year and are excited to start our first theme 'It's All Greek to Me!' The children will be learning all about the Ancient Greeks, including their home life, the lives of children, Gods and Goddesses, architecture and the Olympics. We will be linking as much of our learning as possible to our theme and in English we will be studying Greek myths and creating an informative leaflet in order to attract people to Ancient Greece. To celebrate all of the wonderful learning that the children will be doing, we will have a special Greek themed day before Christmas, where the children will be able to wear Greek togas (which they will have made in design and technology), and make and then eat a Greek feast! In maths, we will begin our year by building upon our knowledge of place value and develop the four key calculation operations.

We will inform you of PE days when they are confirmed, however it is important that your child has a full PE kit in school every day that must be named. Similarly, please ensure all school uniform is named so that it doesn't go missing when they get changed.

This year, we are introducing a 'Reading Race' challenge, in which we are encouraging the children to read from many different genres. There will be 10 genres for them to read their way through, and certificates will be given to those children who read three different books from each genre. The genres will be: science fiction, fantasy stories, adventure stories, poetry, play script, non-fiction/reference books, books from other cultures and traditions, realistic fiction, history and biography/autobiographies. Please support your child with this and sign in their reading record when you know they have completed a book so we can keep track in school. If they need help with what to read, Mrs Bartaby, our librarian, has an amazing knowledge of children's literature.

Homework will be set on a Thursday and due in on a Thursday. By year 5, they should be able to complete their homework independently but they may require your help or guidance to check or reassure them. Remind the children to ask us if there is anything they are unsure of. Children will be expected to spend 20 minutes on their maths homework and 20 minutes on their English. Please also encourage them to continue with their spellings, reading and times tables, building on the progress they made last year.

Just a reminder that the doors open at 8:45, where they can come in and begin their morning work. This is a great opportunity for children to consolidate their learning. Registers will be taken at 9:00am, if your child arrives after this they will be recorded as late.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Mrs Reece, Mrs Hallett, Miss Conroy and Miss Brimble.