

SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2 ANCIENT GREECE CONTINUED

Dear Parents and carers,

During English lessons, we will be reading the novel 'No Ballet Shoes in Syria' from which we will model our own writing. We will be planning, drafting and editing our own flashback narratives, where we will continue to experiment with high-level vocabulary and grammatical concepts. For our non-fiction writing unit, we'll then plan and write a persuasive letter to the prime minister. Finally, in the last week, we will be exploring poetry, and will write our own poems (palindromes) around the theme of our choice - something that we personally feel strongly about.

In Maths, we will be finishing our 'Multiplication and division' unit, continuing on to do 'Fractions'. It is expected that children will be using TTRS regularly to keep revising their times tables, as this is extremely beneficial for them in Year 5 and beyond (particularly this term!).

In RE, we will be exploring the key question: 'Was Jesus the Messiah?'. We will focus on the meaning of 'messiah', 'saviour' and 'incarnation', examining Biblical texts to find out which qualities a messiah needs, and how Jesus demonstrated these qualities. We will also be continuing with our Philosophical thinking this half term (P4C) and will use a range of stimuli revolving around our PSHE unit on 'Celebrating Difference' to help us devise our own questions for class discussions. This helps us to deepen our thinking skills and increase our confidence and understanding of everyday concepts.

Our history unit is still 'Ancient Greece', finishing the unit by examining examples of Greek myths and fables, the Battles of Marathon and Salamis, the Olympic games, and the significance of Alexander the Great. Towards the end, we will introduce our new unit on 'The Maya Civilisation'. In Geography, we will be finishing our previous unit of 'Locating of countries of the world, including biomes and environmental regions' and will then begin '4 and 6 figure grid references', locating places on maps and grids.

In Science, we will finish 'Properties and Changes of Materials', and begin a new scientific enquiry, 'Animals, including Humans', where we will look at the human timeline/lifecycle, and how a human and animal lifespans compare.

Swimming will continue on Monday mornings, with PE on Wednesdays. Booster is on Monday evenings - everyone is welcome to come - where we will consolidate each week's learning.

Homework will be handed out on Thursdays and will be expected back on Tuesdays. This will include a literacy comprehension, weekly spelling list, and a maths sheet focusing on the maths unit we are currently studying. On top of this, it is expected that children will be using Hit the Button and Times Table Rockstars little and often! This is important in preparing the children for secondary school, while also being a fantastic opportunity to revise key skills and fill any gaps.

Finally, please don't hesitate to talk to me or Ms Kelly if you have any questions or queries. We look forward to this coming term - it'll be an exciting one, finishing with the joy of the Christmas play!

Miss Dooley and Ms Kelly. 😊