

## Welcome to Year 5 Summer term!

We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. It has been lovely to see the children back in school refreshed and ready to learn, in what is sure to be a very busy and exciting summer term.

In **English** this half term, our key text is 'The Last Wild' by Piers Torday. The children will respond to the text in a variety of ways, including writing newspaper reports, letters and narratives, as well as developing their speaking and listening and reading skills. We will also be learning about Greek myths, linked to our History topic.

In the second half term, we will be reading 'The London Eye Mystery' by Siobhan Dowd, with a focus on report and diary writing, explanatory texts and reading and writing a range of poetry.



In **maths**, the children will be developing their understanding of decimals and negative numbers. They will learn about properties of shape and position & direction, and also volume and converting units of measurement. Alongside this, the children will continue to develop their general arithmetic skills and their ability to reason and solve problems.

In **science**, the children will be learning about 'Properties and Changes of Materials'. In this topic, the children will test the properties of different materials, measure changes in temperature and investigate thermal insulators. They will also learn about how to separate mixtures of materials using sieving, filtration and evaporation, and understand the difference between reversible and irreversible changes.

Our **humanities** topic for this term is the 'Groundbreaking Greeks'. The children will be finding out about key figures and events in Ancient Greek times; they will be comparing the Minoan and Mycenaean civilisations and will be learning about democracy during this era. Later in the term, we will focus on hierarchy and social class within Ancient Greek life, learn about the roles of men and women in Athens and their daily life, and compare the Olympic Games in ancient Greek times with the modern day Olympics.



Within our **PE** lessons, the children will be developing their cricket, tennis and athletics skills and will continue to develop their swimming technique in a second, two week intensive course in June. The children will also develop their physical, social and emotional skills through exploration of different dance styles.

In **French** lessons, we will be looking at vocabulary related to the Olympics and habitats.

In **art** lessons, the children will be learning about 'Expressionism' and will be learning about aspects of architecture in **Design & Technology**.

Our **RE** topic for the term is a Christianity unit on 'The Life and Teachings of Jesus', with an additional focus on Pentecost. In **PSHE**, our unit this half-term is 'Be my best', while in the second half term, the unit on 'Growing and Changing' links in with our previous Science unit.

In **Computing** lessons, pupils will learn how to produce computerised 3D models and concept maps linked to other areas of study. In **music**, children will be learning about using words to convey meaning and expression and identifying important musical elements.

Homework will continue to be set each Friday and due in the following Thursday.

We thank you for your continuing support and we look forward to an exciting term.