

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2

Dear parents and carers, please have a look over
our curriculum for the coming half term...



**Strength in Learning.
Power in Community**



Writing: In writing, we are writing a newspaper article about Odysseus. After this, we will be writing a non-chronological report about a mythical creature and a story in the style of a Greek myth. Nearer to the end of term, we will be creating a poem about an exciting event.



Reading: In reading, we are using the Adventure of Odysseus to help us practise our skills of vocabulary, prediction, summary, inference, explanation and retrieval.



Maths: This half term, we are looking at equivalent fractions and how to convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers. We will also be adding and subtracting fractions.



Science: We will be learning about unbalanced forces – gravity, air resistance, water resistance, pulleys, levers and gears. The children will be investigating how each force acts on different objects.



History/Geography: We will be continuing our learning about the Ancient Greeks looking at the Persian wars, Alexander the Great and the legacy of the Ancient Greeks.



PSHE: In PSHE, we are looking at money and how we use it. We will also be looking at what influences our spending and how we can make more informed choices about how we use our money.



Music: This half-term, the children in Year 5 are continuing to use the Boomwhackers. The children will be building their confidence and accuracy of timings when playing their individual pitched Boomwhacker. They will also continue to develop their understanding of notation and duration, through playing their music by ear and with reading the music on the stave, as well as their teamwork and listening skills.



Computing: We are continuing to use 2DIY3D to create a 3-dimensional game. The children need to create a background, characters, barriers and rewards. They will learn how to create different levels with each level getting progressively harder. At the end of the term, they will test each other's designs.



PE: Our outdoor PE this half-term is netball. The children will be improving their throwing and catching skills, marking attackers and scoring goals. They will be also practising the rules of netball including the pivoting on their landing foot.



RE: In RE, we are continuing to look at how people stand up for what they believe in: does everyone have the same beliefs in God.



Art & DT: In DT we are designing and making a CAM mechanism based around a Greek Myth. The children will find out what CAMs are and how different shape CAMs affect the movement of their models. They will build their mechanism, testing and evaluating it against the design criteria.



MFL: In French, we will be learning how to order ice-creams including changing the size of cone or ordering a tub. This will progress to ordering sandwiches with a variety of fillings.



Forest school: This half-term, children will be exploring irreversible changes using plaster of Paris. They will be using this to create a decoration with natural materials to create texture. Closer to the end of term, the children will sew their own tree decoration.

If you have any questions at all please contact us or catch us at the end of the school day.

Please ensure the children come into school ready for PE on their days. With sunnier days ahead, a refillable water bottle and sun protection are a must. Daily reading makes a huge difference—please record this in your child's reading record. Homework and spellings go home each Thursday.