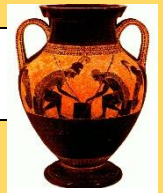




Class 5 Autumn Term 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back! I am very much looking forward to working with this class and getting to you know you all. It promises to be a busy term and I am pleased to welcome Mrs. Brown and Mrs Hyde, two new members of staff, who will be in class in the mornings, we also have Mrs. Tengiz who will be working with Year 5. The class will have specialist teaching in Music with Mr. Bennett and French with Mrs. Clarke.

In English, we have some interesting and entertaining texts to read, including a book about the first woman to travel over Niagara Falls in a barrel! We will develop the children's writing, grammar and punctuation using these texts. We will also be reading some Greek myths and legends which will link to our Geography topic about Greece and our focus on the Ancient Greeks in History. In Maths our main focus will be improving the children's understanding of number. We will begin with the place value of larger numbers and will then move onto decimal numbers and money. After half term, we will learn about formal methods of division and multiplication. You will find more information about the other subject areas this term, on the class overview page.

Reading

In Year 5, children continue to use the Accelerated Reader programme. We will assess your child to find out what level they are reading at, and they will then be able to select a reading book from their personal range. When they have completed their book, they will do an online quiz to check their understanding of the text.

It continues to be very important that your child reads at home. Confident readers may not need to read aloud to you, but it is important to check that they have understood what they have read by asking questions about the story, characters or tricky vocabulary.

Please encourage your child to read to you at least **3 times a week**. Children may write in their own diary, but we ask that you sign their book 3 times to confirm that they have read or discussed their book with you.

Reading books and diaries must be in school every day please.

Class Reading

Each week, there will be 3 class reading lessons. These will support children in developing their comprehension skills as well as encouraging reading for pleasure.

Spellings

We will be continuing with our scheme for spelling which links closely to our English and class reading lessons.

The children will have 3 spelling sessions each week looking at words linked to the texts that we are reading in addition to learning the statutory spellings in the National Curriculum. Some of these words will be sent home each week and a spelling test will take place on a Friday. The number may vary each week.

PE - Year 5 children need to bring their kit in on a Monday as the day for PE may vary. They will bring it home again on a Friday. Our allotted PE session with Mr O'Reilly is on a Friday. As the weather gets colder, you might like to send dark coloured joggers and a warmer top. Long hair must be tied back and girls who wear tights also

Seesaw/ Homework

I will set a weekly homework task on Seesaw. A new log in code will be placed inside the front of your child's reading diary.

I will set homework on a Friday, and it should be completed by the following Thursday at the latest.

Please note that I will *not* look at Seesaw every day so you should contact the school office with any important messages.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about your child or our activities this term.

Best Wishes,
Mrs. Siddons