

ANCIENT GREECE



South America



Year 5

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. We are looking forward to an exciting summer of learning in Year 5!

Our History Unit that kicks off this term is **Ancient Greece**. We will travel back to one of the most fascinating civilisations in history and explore ancient Greece and its many wonders. We will discover the people, the inventions, the art, the technology and the mythology of the ancient Greeks. In the second half term, we move on to a Geography unit of work that will lead us on a voyage of discovery to **South America** as we learn about the countries, culture and geography of this fascinating continent. We will learn about the climate, the geographical features, the industries and the people of South America through a range of fun activities, giving us insight into how life in South America is different to life here in the UK.

Weekly timetable

Monday: Homework given out and reading records checked.

Wednesday & Friday: PE (wear kit to school and remember your child can bring in spare shoes to change into and additional socks in case they get wet feet).

Thursday: Homework to be handed in. Spelling and Times Table tests.

Homework

Homework will be given out every Monday and will be due in on Thursday.

Spellings will be sent out on a Monday and the children will be tested on those the following Thursday.

Children are also expected to practise times tables every week and will be tested on a Thursday. They are able to use TT Rockstars and IXL to help them.

Children are really encouraged to enjoy reading and to read as much as they can at home as well. Please try to read **at least 5 times a week**. Please record into Reading Records and sign.

English, Maths and Science

In English and Maths we will be covering the National Curriculum objectives.

English:

In English, we will be writing through a range of genres, including Literary Heritage (Shakespeare), Biography (about someone who fits the category of 'ground-breaking figures who changed the world', and Poetry (using the poems of Joseph Coelho as our inspiration).

Maths:

In Maths, we will cover a range of topics including mental and written calculations, decimals and fractions, and shapes and measurement. As usual, there will be lots of reasoning and problem-solving.

Science:

The children will be learning about 'Living things and their habitats' and 'Animals, including humans'. We will be learning and practising a variety of scientific skills as well as learning new scientific knowledge.

Computing: We will be learning new skills in our video editing and programming topics.

PE: We will be learning cricket, athletics, rounders and handball this term.

Art and DT: In Art, we will be using painting and mixed media to create portraits and in Design and Technology, we will be creating functional four-page pop-up storybook designs, using levers, sliders, layers and spacers to create paper-based mechanisms.

PSHE: We will be covering the topic of relationships including getting on and falling out and our relationship with technology. PSHE will be linked to our science unit in the second half term and we will be looking at changes in our bodies and our own self-image.

RE: We will be learning about Stories of Christianity and Belief in our Community.

Music: We will be covering **composition notation** and learning to identify the pitch and rhythm of written notes and to experiment with notating our own compositions, developing our understanding of staff notation. We will then learn 'Shosholozza', a traditional South African song, play the accompanying chords using tuned percussion and learn to play the djembe.

French: Our themes in French this term are 'The Seasons and 'I am able...'