



## YEAR 5

### Autumn Term Newsletter 2020

#### A New School Year

I hope you all had a lovely, enjoyable summer break. We are really looking forward to welcoming back all the children after such a long time away from school. The year 5 team includes Miss Nankivell, Mrs Threadgold, Miss Valcin, Miss Jones, Mrs Thomas, Miss Jallim and Miss McClean. The staff are excited about this year, especially the first topic - The Ancient Greeks. We understand that this will be a worrying time for you and you may be feeling anxious about the reopening of school and sending your children back. Many children will have been away from the classroom for a long period of time and may be nervous. We are confident that the children will adapt quickly and we will be able to provide support to those who may need help. Due to the current guidelines, we are unable to book face to face appointments at the moment. If you have any queries or concerns you can contact the year 5 team on the following email address: [y5@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:y5@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk) We would ask for your continued support, to ensure that the children are organised for their learning by reminding them to read every day and to continually practice all their times tables. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

From the Y5 team.



Miss Nankivell   Mrs Threadgold   Miss Jones   Miss Valcin   Mrs. Thomas   Miss McClean  
Miss Jallim

#### Topic

Our topic this term is 'Ancient Greece'. The children will be learning about the rise and fall of the Greek Empire, the difference between Spartans and Athenians, daily life for men, women and children, democracy, religious beliefs, including Greek gods, the Olympics and the impact of Greek culture on the modern world.



#### Maths

In Maths this term the children will be deepening their knowledge of place value, by adding and subtracting whole numbers with more than 4 digits, using estimating and rounding to check the accuracy of their answers. They will be reading, writing and comparing numbers up to 1,000,000, counting back and forth from any given number in multiples of 10, 100, 1000. They will also focus on multiplying and dividing up to 4 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers, using the most efficient methods. During each lesson, the children will be using the skills they have learnt, and apply them to solve problems.

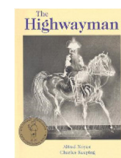
In addition, we will be learning how to read and interpret information from different graphs, finding the area and perimeter of composite rectilinear and irregular shapes.

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#### English

In English this term the children will be starting with 'Greek Myths' using the quests of Hercules, to write our own myths. The process of writing will include the children using drama, oral rehearsal and story mapping the original story, to help them develop ideas to create their own original myths. They will be learning all about Ancient Greece in Topic, which will help support them with ideas for their writing.

Also this term the children will be writing a poem, using the Highwayman as a stimulus, a recount based on our trip to the British Museum, an explanation and a losing tale.



#### Routines and Reminders

**PE days** – PE will be on a Tuesday. As the changing rooms are not in use, children should come to school in their school tracksuit (with the logo), white t-shirt and black trainers (if you do not have a school tracksuit please make sure the children are wearing plain black or navy sportswear) on their PE day. School tracksuits can be purchased through ParentPay and we will hand it to your child.

Earrings are studs only. Other jewellery, hair bows and nail varnish should not be worn.

#### Homework

**Weekly spellings.** These can be found on the school website (under the main heading Curriculum and Assessment and drop down to English) and the children will be tested every Friday.

Daily reading (20-30 mins)

**Mathletics** - weekly task based on the learning taking place in class

**Topic** - a project each term. As we are trying to minimise the amount of things being brought in from home, it is likely that we will ask you to take a photo of your project work and upload it onto Google Classroom.

**Google Classroom:** We are planning to use Google Classroom further in the future to set homework but we will keep you updated about this. We would like to thank you for your continued support.

Pencil cases should **not** be brought into school. We have provided every child with their own zip wallet and resources to use in their lessons.

#### What else will be happening in the Curriculum?

##### RE

During our RE lessons this term, we will be focussing on Islam: Ramadan and the Hajj

##### PSHE

As part of our PSHE topic, we will be looking at Being a Citizen and Cultural Differences.

##### Art/DT

As part of Art/DT, we will be drawing from the master, Leonardo.

##### Music

The music lessons for the first few weeks of this term will provide a safe space for all the children in Y5 to develop their knowledge of pitch, using the huge variety of pitched percussion in the music room. The instruments will be cleaned between lessons. We will develop our reading from graphic scores and standard notation, and will incorporate layering of sounds (musical texture) in a group setting.

##### Spanish

Autumn 1: We will be learning numbers to 100 and money

Autumn 2: The planets

##### Science

Our Science topic is Earth and space : describe the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the sun in the solar system; describe the movement of the moon relative to the Earth; describe the sun, Earth and moon as approximately spherical bodies; use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky

##### Computing

Our IT sessions will cover E Safety and Coding.

#### How to help your child!

- Every week your child will be send home spellings. It is important that you learn these with your child as they will be tested the following week.
- It is important that you read with your child daily and fill in the reading log in their planner, which your child should bring to school every day.
- Please practice times tables with your child and remember to ask them how they got on in the mini tests every week.

#### Educational Visits in Year 5 this term:

Due to the current circumstances, we will not currently be booking any school trips.