

Homework

We encourage all children to read for at least 15 minutes every day at home. As the children become more fluent, we will encourage them to take responsibility for changing their reading book once it has been read, using the library or the classroom library to select an appropriate book. We welcome the positive comments you make in the reading record and appreciate the time you take to listen to your child. It really helps them!

Children will continue to be given spellings, reading or grammar and maths homework on Friday which should be returned by Friday. Please practise spellings daily if possible—little and often is the best way to learn them. Spellings will be tested on Friday morning.

Your child will also bring home a piece of maths work each week. Each piece of work reinforces work already covered in school and should take approximately 30 minutes.

Expectations in Year 5

Children throughout the school are encouraged at all times to be polite, diligent and hard working. We want the children to do the best they can and feel a sense of pride and achievement in everything they do. We put emphasis on the presentation of the children's work. We encourage and teach independence and organisational skills. We want all children in Class 5 to make brave choice, be kind to one another and to feel like they belong in our class!

Class rewards

House points and stickers are given to individuals as reward for excellent behaviour, attitudes and work. Children will also continue to have their table points card, where they can work towards a small treat once it has been completed.

We hope you will find this information useful. If you have any further questions or queries do not hesitate to ask.

We look forward to another happy and enjoyable term in Year 5!
Thank you for your support.

With very best wishes,

Mr Finch



Year 5 Class Booklet—SpringTerm

Teacher: Mr Finch

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Davis
and Mrs Hore



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back Class 5! You really did a fantastic job last term and worked incredibly hard to produce some super art, writing and some brilliant work about mountains and rivers too!

Also, I would like to say a big Thank You for all of my Christmas gifts. Not only do I get the pleasure of teaching such wonderful children, I get presents for doing it! Lucky me!

This half term we will be beginning our journey through Ancient Greece as our topic. We will be learning some amazing facts and discovering how the Ancient Greeks lived. As well as this, there will be lots of other exciting learning taking place and I am really looking forward to getting started!

English

In English, this term, we will be linking our learning to our topic of Ancient Greece. Much of our work will focus on Greek Myths, such as Theseus and the Minotaur. We will also be reading and linking our work to the book, 'Who Let the Gods Out?' by Maz Evans.

On a weekly basis we will also be covering the following:-

- * Whole class reading
- * Individual reading either independently or to an adult.
- * Handwriting practice
- * SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) lessons.
- * Weekly spellings are sent home to reinforce what is being taught in school.

Maths

In maths we will be focusing on multiplication and division before moving onto fractions. This is a key area of learning for all children and we will initially be reviewing the children's understanding before moving on to new concepts. The children's knowledge of times tables is key to all areas of maths, especially fractions, and that being the case I would encourage as much focus on this at home as possible and we will continue to focus on this when we return to school. We use Times Tables Rockstars to test the children every Friday and also use [timestables.co.uk](https://www.timestables.co.uk) as a resource for helping them to practise in school too.

This term we will be:

- ◆ Multiplying 4 digit numbers by a single digit
- ◆ Multiplying 2 digit numbers by 2,3 and 4 digit numbers
- ◆ Dividing 4 digit numbers including using remainders
- ◆ Comparing, ordering and adding and subtracting fractions
- ◆ Working with mixed numbers and improper fractions

Computing

This term we will continue to build our knowledge of how to stay safe online. We will be using Scratch to continue developing the children's programming knowledge, focusing on developing their own quiz based program.

Science

This term we will be working on 'Forces'. We will develop our understanding about gravity, friction and learn how mechanisms such as levers and pulleys can be used with to move objects. We will also be conducting fair tests to test our predictions and develop conclusions too.

RE

In RE we will be learning about Christianity. We will be exploring the question, '*Why do Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah?*'

History

We will be exploring Ancient Greece, learning about the kind of people they were, who they worshipped; what their daily life was like and how they have impacted our lives today through events such as the Olympic games and the introduction of democracy in Athens.

Music

In music this term we will be focusing on Jazz and looking in detail at two pieces of music: The Three Note Bossa and Five Note Swing. We look at the importance of why we warm up our voices, having good posture and controlling our breathing. We will also use percussion instruments to create our own piece of music.

PSHE (Personal Social and Health Education)

Each week the children will have PSHE lessons based on the Jigsaw Framework. During this time the children will play lots of different games which encourage them to get along with each other and follow the class and school rules and encourage them to be thoughtful, independent and mindful about their learning. We begin by looking at the topic 'Dreams and Goals' focusing on:

- ◆ Setting our own goals
- ◆ Appreciating the contribution of others in society
- ◆ Appreciating the opportunities that education and learning can offer us
- ◆ How our own aspirations compare with other people from different backgrounds
- ◆ Be motivated to help other people from less fortunate backgrounds than our own

PE

This term the children will have PE on a Tuesday afternoon with Mr Rickard and a Thursday afternoon with Mr Finch. In PE this term we will focus on invasion games, as well as dance. Please note that the children should come to school dressed in their PE kits on these days. As the children will be in their PE kit all day please make sure they are dressed appropriately for the weather. Your child may wear plain dark leggings or jogging bottoms on these days.

Art/DT

Linking with our topic, we will be tasting and evaluating Greek food, as well as looking at some of the famous Ancient Greek sculptures and then designing and making our own using soap as a medium.