



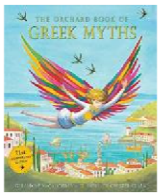
Year 5 Pentecost 1 Newsletter.

Welcome back Year 5, We hope you had a wonderful Easter Holiday and a well-deserved break and are now ready for all the wonderful learning experiences we have planned for you this half-term.

English

This half term in English we will be focusing on a range of texts linking to our History topic, Ancient Greeks.

Greek Myths



We will learn about what happened between Theseus and the Minotaur. We will then focus on setting descriptions to create atmosphere and character descriptions to add detail. We will then use dialogue and action to convey character and advance the action. Finally, we will create our own myth based on the myth Theseus and the Minotaur.

Information Text and Poster



We will learn about the history of the Olympic Games. We will focus on using a range of structural devices to organise our information about the Olympic Games. We will consolidate our knowledge of the grammar skills taught so far this year (parenthesis, relative clauses, modal verbs and cohesive devices) and include this in our information text about the Olympic Games.

Poetry



We will use the text, 'Falling out of the Sky' and the film clip, 'Fantastic Beasts and where to find them,' to create our own mythical creatures. We will then focus on figurative language and create our own poems describe a mythical creature.

Maths

In Maths, this half term we will be embedding White Rose Maths. As mathematicians, we will be focusing on:

- Shape
- Position and direction.
- Decimals

We will look at the different shapes and properties of them. We will also have a strong focus of angles, particularly on drawing, measuring, and calculating angles. We will continue to work on our arithmetic skills by completing tests every Friday.

R.E

Branch 5 - To the ends of the Earth.

To the ends of the Earth: 'Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' (Mt 28:19). In this branch, pupils will study the events that flowed from the Resurrection and Ascension in the coming of the Holy Spirit and the work of the apostles and early Church. They will also learn about the Catholic Church today as the apostolic Church and how its liturgy and structures flow from the early Church.





History

Where did the Olympic Games originate?

Our topic this term will focus on the Ancient Greeks. Throughout this topic, we will have a keen history focus looking at Greece during this period, democracy, and the Battle of Marathon.

Here is an outline of our learning for this half term:

In **week one, as historians**, we will be learning about who the Ancient Greeks were and what happened during 800 BC and 146 BC.

In **week two, as historians**, we will be looking at democracy during this period and whether the Ancient Greeks invented it.

Then, in **week three, as historians**, we will look at what happened during the Olympic Games and compare it to the Olympic Games today and consider what is different and what is similar?

In **week four, as historians**, we will learn about what took place during the Battle of Marathon.

In **week five, as historians**, we will learn about the different Greek God's and Goddesses.

In **week six, as historians**, we will hold our own Olympic Games as a class.



Science

What are the different properties of materials?

This half term, our topic is properties of materials. As part of this unit, we will be looking at the different properties of materials, such as: electrical conductivity, flexibility, hardness, insulators, magnetism, solubility, thermal conductivity, and transparency. We will also look at solids, liquids, and gases. We will then look at different changes to these properties and consider whether they are reversible or irreversible.

Guided Reading

We will start our new guided reading text, 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross MacKenzie.

'THE NOWHERE EMPORIUM IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS.'

BRING YOUR IMAGINATION

The mysterious shop from nowhere can appear at anytime, in any city. Its magical labyrinth of rooms, contain wonders beyond belief. But to enter you must pay a price.

"This shop is right up there with Ollivanders as a magical place that readers will want to explore again and again." **The Guardian.**

How can you help?

- Maths and English homework are given out on a Friday and must be returned by the following Thursday. We can give paper copies if needed.
- Every week your child will receive spellings. The spelling test will take place on a Friday morning. Please practise these with your child at home.
- Spelling Shed - please ensure your child is accessing this regularly at home, there are certificates and rewards for children.
- TT Rockstars - please ensure your child is accessing this at home too, it is extremely important that they do this and apply their multiplication and division knowledge.
- Remember to read every night with your child and sign their diary too!

Once again, thanks for your continued support and if you have any questions about your child's learning or progress, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Robinshaw and the year 5 team.