

Year 5 News

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5! The children have already had a very positive and productive start to year 5 and all seem to have settled well. We will be progressing through the Year 5 curriculum whilst preparing for our exciting trip to Red Ridge. Here are some of the highlights this term!

English

The children will be studying Ancient Greek myths, looking at the structure, setting and characters. This will lead on to the children writing their own Ancient Greek quest myths through descriptions of their own mythical beasts and settings, using their reading and grammar work to inform their writing.

Maths

The focus this half term is on number skills and the 4 operations to include 5 digit numbers and decimals in context, along with ongoing mental skills (doubling/halving, multiplication facts, adding and subtracting mentally). These skills will also be applied to a variety of problem solving and reasoning activities. We will then move on to learning fractions, multiples and factors of numbers, including prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers. Times tables are invaluable for this area of maths, so please encourage your child to practise their tables if necessary.

History: The Ancient Greeks

The children will be learning about the Ancient Greek civilisation, covering some aspects of geography and plenty of history. The children will use a variety of skills to research and present information about Greek Gods and Goddesses, linking with their literacy. Furthermore, in art, they will be studying the work on Greek vases and what this source can tell us.

Red Ridge

You should have had plenty of information about this residential trip from 16th to 18th September. Please check the kit list carefully to ensure your child is fully equipped for a fantastic 3 day adventure!

Science

The children will be learning about Forces, primarily that they are a push or a pull, and honing in on specific forces through practical experiments. In the second half of the term, the children will be learning about space, and will be finding out about how the movement of the Earth is relative to the Sun, along with time zones and seasons.

Those are some of the highlights for this term, but the children will also be continuing with PE on Wednesdays and Fridays, French, RE, PSHEC and focused reading sessions. Our shared novel for this half term is 'Land of Roar,' which is a very enjoyable fantasy/adventure story.

As you can see, we've got a busy term ahead where the children will learn new things and develop many skills - and hopefully have some fun along the way! Finally, a huge thank you for supporting us and your child to have a successful start to this new academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Brown

<i>Science vocabulary</i>	<i>History vocabulary</i>
<i>friction gravity air resistance upthrust buoyancy Earth Moon Orbit Rotate Solar system Sphere Axis</i>	<i>democracy origin root freedom enslavement inequality rights discrimination philosophy conscience debate wisdom</i>