



April 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the final term of Year 5, Summer Term! I hope you enjoyed the break and enjoyed some family time.

Curriculum:

We will be studying a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts in English and will be working hard on improving our use of punctuation and spellings. We will learn to use embedded clauses, and brackets, commas or dashes to indicate parenthesis. In maths, our main focus this term is fractions, decimal places, angles and properties of shape, position and direction and converting units of measurements.

Our enquiries in history will be focused on Ancient Greece, thinking like an historian to find out about the ancient civilisation and investigating if we can thank the Ancient Greeks for anything in our lives today with a focus on democracy rather than the invention of the flushing toilet. In geography, we will be studying Europe and beyond. Children will find out how the landscape and climate compare with a focus on map reading skills. We will also use our map skills to locate continents, countries, cities, rivers, mountains and significant places. Our science this term begins by focusing on the process of reproduction and the life cycles of plants, mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. The children will explore reproduction in different plants, including different methods of pollination and asexual reproduction. They will test this by taking cuttings and cloning the parent plant, as well as growing their own plants. In Art and DT we will try Greek food, create collages and create our own automata (please provide a shoebox for this if possible).

Forest School and PE:

Forest School will resume on a Thursday afternoon, please ensure that children have clothes which covers bare skin (no shorts or short sleeve t-shirts) and appropriate footwear. PE will continue on a Tuesday afternoon so please ensure that the children have a PE kit in school.

Please take a look at the class topic web on the school website to find out more.

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Home Learning:

It is essential that you support your children to complete homework tasks set.

The expectation is that children:

- Use Spelling Shed to consolidate and practise spellings taught weekly. Alongside the online games, children may practise their spellings in their home learning book. It is often helpful to write the spelling in a sentence to ensure the meaning of the word is also embedded.
- Use Maths Shed to complete maths tasks set OR complete any worksheets sent home.
- Read daily. Now that children are older, they may not always want to read aloud to you. However, it is still important to have reading time to check that they have understood what they have read. Please continue to record your child's reading in their reading diary so that I can see how much reading they are doing and help with any difficulties they may be having.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school. Children have free access to these throughout the day and it is important that they stay hydrated. In addition, for the summer term, please ensure sun cream is applied before school. We may still get rainy days so children should have a coat with them, just in case.

Snacks for morning break are also encouraged although please ensure snacks are healthy and avoid sugary treats.

Useful websites:

www.spellingshed.com

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

If you have any further questions to ask, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards, Miss Anna