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Friday 23rd April 2021,

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and all the children have had a lovely Easter break. Welcome back to the final term of Year 5. This promises to be another exciting one, packed full of more fantastic learning.

Curriculum coverage

The Summer Term topic is called 'Shadow of the Minotaur'. This is a historical based topic that will delve into the ancient history of the Greeks. We will be learning about their myths and legends, Gods and Goddesses, as well as life in every day Greek times.

In English, we will be linking to our topic by using high quality texts and snippets from 'Shadow of the Minotaur' by Alan Gibbons and 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief' by Rick Riordan. In Maths, we will continue with our work on decimals and then move onto geometry with learning based on properties of shapes, co-ordinates and translation. Please see our topic webs for more details of our Y5 curriculum objectives.

Go Greek Day!

On **Wednesday 26th May**, we are having a Go Greek Day. To enhance our learning even further, we would like the children to come to school dressed as a Greek God, Goddess, Athenian or Spartan Soldier. It would be great for all the children to come dressed up as a Greek character but it is not compulsory for the day. The day will be divided as follows. In the morning, we will be creating our own theatre shows and perform some of the Greek myths and tragedies. Following this, we will be making Gods, Goddesses or mythical creature masks in art. The afternoon will consist of learning more about the way of life in Ancient Greece, their culture and lifestyle and participating in food tasting. We will be sampling such foods as pitta bread with honey, hummus, olives, Greek yoghurt and tzatziki. More information regarding the day, as well as consent for the food tasting, will be sent closer to the time.

Home Learning

The set home learning will continue with weekly spellings to learn as well as applying these to written sentences. Pick 'n' Mix, which started before Easter, will continue this term too. These will be sent out and can be found on the school website. As a reminder, a pick and mix home learning sheet will be set at the start of each term. This will include a mixture of activities, including activities on Purple Mash. We ask that any home learning is uploaded to Purple Mash and not brought into class. We will share home learning in class at the end of the week and, at the end of the term, children will get a certificate based on the points they have earned.

As it is the last two terms of Y5, our times table focus will be 4xtable, 8xtable and 12xtable. After half term, our focus in class will be 3xtable, 6xtable, 9table and 11xtable. Purple Mash has been updated with activities



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allocated to the topics we are learning in class. It is also very important that the children continue to learn and practise their times tables as much as possible, using TTRockstars or other methods.

Reading Records

It has been fantastic to see so many of the children organised with their reading records and their reading books in school. I have been impressed with the way the children have taken responsibility for updating their reading records and using them effectively. Thank you! Please encourage the children to fill it in themselves (with help if needed) as much as possible. We will continue to use them during our daily 1:1 reading or for whole class reading sessions. During 1:1 reading time with me, reading records are checked and signed over a fortnightly basis.

PE Kits

Class 5 have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure your child has their full PE on these days. Please ensure all of the clothing is named and that children have appropriate sports clothing for being outside. Children will need a named water bottle in school every day.

Additional Stationery

Please can I remind everyone that stationery from home should not be brought into school. A few reminders had to be said towards the end of the last term. All the children have their own stationery packs, which are for each individual as part of our Covid risk assessment.

School Values

Our school value this term is Friendship. Please share the poem below with your child as we will be learning about this in school.

Finding things to do together

Relying on each other

Impossible on your own

Enjoying being together

Never selfish

Depending on someone else

Sharing hopes and dreams

Happiness and laughter

Including others

Precious

Our school value next term is Truth/Truthfulness.

Trustworthy words and actions

Respect for doing the right thing

Uncovering the full picture

Telling it as it is



Having all the facts.

If you have any queries or questions then please don't hesitate to ask.
Thank you for your continued support. Here's to another exciting term ahead!

Miss Herbert and the Year 5 Team.



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