




# UKS2 Parent Newsletter



KEY LEARNING THIS HALF TERM	OUR READING TEXTS	WRITING	MATHS
<p>In history this half term we are finding out about Ancient Greece. The children will discover why this is such an important civilisation and learn about the legacy that the Ancient Greeks left us with.</p> <p>In Science, we are studying forces. In this topic, we will explore what forces are, the difference between mass and weight, investigate air and water resistance and measure forces.</p> <p>In art, the children will be learning a variety of pottery techniques in order to design and make a Greek inspired pot. If you have an old shirt/t-shirt that your child can bring in to cover their uniform, this would be greatly appreciated.</p>	 <p>In guided reading this half term, each class is reading a different text. They will be learning to read fluently and with expression. They will focus on answering different style retrieval questions and using what they have read to make inferences about characters feelings. Children will also be using the skill of text mapping to help them to answer questions about what they have read.</p>	<p>In Writing, we are focusing on Ancient Greek myths. We will first read and order the events that occurred in the myth, Medusa. We will then use this and our vast expanse of vocabulary to write our own versions of the myth.</p> <p>Our second unit of writing, will focus on re-writing the myth as a newspaper report by thinking about how this would have been reported in modern times.</p> <p>Our final unit of writing will focus of Greek Gods. We will research, write and publish our own non-chronological reports sharing key facts about them.</p>	<p>In Year 5, will learn the skills to complete multiplication and division questions. Children will investigate multiples, factors, primes, square numbers and cube numbers. We will also be learning about how to calculate the perimeter and area of rectangles and compound shapes.</p> <p>Year 6 will continue their learning about fractions, decimals and percentages. We will look at how we can multiply and divide fractions, convert fractions to decimals and percentages and find percentages of amounts. We will re-look at multiplying and dividing any number by 10, 100 and 1,000.</p> <p>We follow the White Rose maths curriculum. <a href="https://whiteroseeducation.com/">https://whiteroseeducation.com/</a></p>
<p><b>WAYS YOU CAN HELP AT HOME</b></p> <p>One of the best ways to support your child at home is to listen to your child read daily and record this in their reading records. Discuss the characters and main events in the story to check their understanding of what they have read. Discuss the vocabulary and make predictions about what might happen next.</p> <p>Encourage your child to use TT Rockstars to practise their times tables.</p> <p>Help your child to learn their weekly spelling and to complete their homework. These will be given out every Friday. Homework will be due the following Friday. Children will also be given a school reading book each Friday. These must be returned to school once read so children can get a new book.</p>	<p><b>MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING</b></p> <p>Please be mindful that the run up to Christmas whilst being exciting can also be very busy and stressful for all involved. There are lots of activities going on and children will naturally be tired. Where possible we recommend sticking to a routine.</p> <p>For more information on bedtimes and sleeping: <a href="https://www.betterhealthatworkaward.org.uk/The%20Good%20Night%20Guide%20for%20Children.pdf">https://www.betterhealthatworkaward.org.uk/The%20Good%20Night%20Guide%20for%20Children.pdf</a></p> <p>We recommend no screens before bed, a bath or shower and story together.</p> <p>If you are struggling with any aspect of starting school or would like any help, advice or just a chat please speak to your child's teacher, Miss Bartle (Assistant Headteacher) or Mrs Stringwell (Learning Mentor). We are all more than happy to help.</p>	<p><b>EVENTS IN SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023: 6W competition winners' trip to Cineworld, Xscape</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023: Dress like a Greek God Day.</b></p> <p>Please support our learning about Ancient Greece by helping your child dress up as a Greek God/Goddess.</p> <p>On this day, we will explore Greek art work and try lots of Greek foods.</p> <p>All parents and carers are welcome to celebrate our learning, in and out of school, at our Friday assembly. Please enter through the main entrance after drop off where will be pleased to welcome you into school, with refreshments. Mrs Mason. Miss Bartle and Mrs Stringwell are all around at this time.</p>	