



Year Five

Spring Two, February 2018



The Ancient Greeks!

Welcome back to an action packed second half to our spring term, which will conclude with our visit to Nell Bank during the last week of this term: we can't wait! This half term we will be starting our exciting new topic of Ancient Greece, where we will be learning all about the culture, beliefs, gods, food and infamous myths of this important period in history.

We would like to welcome all parents and carers into our 'Greek Restaurant' in the Year Five classrooms from 2.45pm on Monday 19th March. We will be serving up the delicious flatbreads we will be designing and making in DT as well as sharing our Greek based learning from the half term.



Maths

This half term we will be:

- Continuing with our fractions focus
- Studying decimals and percentages
- Continuing to sharpen our arithmetic skills

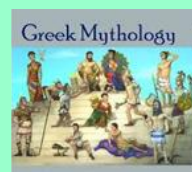
In addition, weekly arithmetic homework will be sent home on a Friday to be returned for the following Friday and marked in class

We will be having an inter-class Maths Bee later on this term.

English



This half term we will be reading many of the famous Greek myths, looking at features, comparing different texts, planning, drafting and publishing some of our own Greek Myths.



Following this, we will explore some non-fiction writing in the form of chronological and non-chronological reports. The children will use their Learning Log research as well as their learning in class to produce their own informative piece of writing.

Swimming and PE

Swimming will continue to take place on Friday afternoons this half term. Our outdoor PE lessons will continue to take place on Wednesday afternoons. This half term we will be continuing to develop our athletics skills, with a focus on sharpening our running, throwing and jumping skills. During the Nell Bank residential we will be taking part in lots of outdoor-based team building skills.

Important Dates

Thursday 22nd February: Online Bullying talk with PCSO Spencer
Thursday 1st March: World Book Day
14th & 15th March: Parent Consultation Evenings
Tuesday 20th March: Rewind to Easter visit
Monday 26th-Wednesday 28th March: Nell Bank residential
Thursday 29th March: close for Easter

Computing



We will be preparing and creating videos about Greece using green screen technology and then sharing it with our peers.

In addition, PCSO Spencer will be coming to visit us to talk about Online Bullying.

Science

The children will be learning about forces, with a focus on:

- The force of gravity
- The effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction
- Mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears, which allow a smaller force to have a greater effect



Spelling

Spellings will continue to be sent out on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday. The spellings which are sent home will continue to focus on spelling patterns and rules. In addition, please continue to reinforce class based learning of the words on the Year Five and Six National Curriculum word list, which can be found on our website: this will be tested in our inter-class Spelling Bee later in the term.

This half term's patterns will include:

- Homophones
- Words containing 'ough'
- Silent letters
- Common misconception words.

We are all excited about the half term ahead, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns or require any further information.

Thank you, Miss Hayden, Mrs Shillaker and Miss Woolley