



Spring One, January 2019



The Ancient Greeks!

Welcome back to an action packed half term which is guaranteed to be an exciting one. This half term we will be starting our exciting new topic of Ancient Greece, where we will be learning all about their culture, beliefs, gods, food and infamous myths. The children will be looking into the performance techniques the Greeks used as well as looking at the geographical features of Ancient Greece and comparing them to the country of Greece today.

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on:



- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions of shape and amounts

In addition, weekly Arithmetic homework will continue to be sent home on a Friday and should be returned the following Friday. We will mark it in class and we aim to use this time to address any misconceptions. Please encourage your child to have a go at as much of the arithmetic as they can.

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 look at 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 Monday afternoons: this half term we will be continuing to develop our athletics skills, with a focus on sharpening our running, throwing and jumping skills. For 5H PE will be led by Mrs Littlewood, and 5SW will have PE lessons led by Mrs Powell

Important Dates

1st February FOSPS Disco
5th February Safer internet day
12th February Greek Cafe

Computing



We will be using green screen technology to produce adverts to encourage tourists to visit Greece

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:

This half term's patterns will include:

- Homophones
- Suffixes: ity, ness, ship

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 Powell and Miss Woolley