

Year 5 Spring 1 Curriculum Letter

Homework– 2hrs weekly

- **Reading (50 mins)**
- **Times Tables:** TTRS
- **Readiwriter** : Spellings

Key Dates for this half-term

7th January—Non-uniform for Clover house
12th January—Young Voices
27th January—Photos for siblings and new starters
31st January—Teach the parents week
7th Feb—Mental health week
11th Feb—Dress up day for fundraising
11 Feb—Last day of school before half term

PSHE and Zones of Regulation

It is so important that we look after our well-being, so we will continue to focus a lot on being **resilient**, **working together** and ways to help our pupils **self-regulate** using the Zones of Regulation.

Maths

We are starting this term with multiplication and division. The children will be learning different ways to record information such as line graphs, charts and tables. We will then move on to multiplication and division.

Times Tables Rock Stars is also a daily requirement, so please ensure your child logs on for 15 minutes each day.

Support please!

We would appreciate your support at home if you can help work on times-tables, including division facts, and the four operations.

Welcome to the Spring Term

We hope all had a wonderful Christmas and New Years break and that you were able to spend some quality time together.

As we continue into the school year, please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform and is dressed smartly at all times, is completing their weekly homework weekly and is rested for a busy term of learning ahead!

If at any time, you wish to speak to a member of staff, regarding your child, please make an appointment with the class teacher.

Happy learning everyone!

Physical Exercise (PE)

Exercise is extremely important to help with both our physical and mental well-being. Please ensure that pupils have a water bottle with them and the correct P.E. kit, as the weather turns colder please ensure your child has warmer clothing for PE.

If for any medical reason, your child cannot take part in a PE lesson, they must provide a note explaining a reason why. Repeated absence from lessons will be challenged, unless a valid excuse is given.

Please make sure that all jewellery is removed before taking part in P.E

Science

Our first Science topic for the half term will be about Earth and Space. We will be learning about the celestial bodies that make up our solar system and about the effects that these have on the Earth, including night and day, seasons, years and months. This links well with our work on the Ancient Greeks.

Equipment and Snack reminder!

Please do not allow your child to bring unnecessary equipment, toys or fidget gadgets into school. All equipment is provided for pupils who have additional needs. Please also remember that only fruit is allowed at breaktime!

English and Reading

As a school, we are really focusing on building our reading skills, as well as promoting a love of reading. We will be reading many of the great Greek Myths, loosely based on the writing of Hesiod and Homer from the 8th Century BC, as well as modern retellings. We will also be studying narrative poems in our English lessons. Children will be learning about how poetry can be used as an expressive as well as narrative form.

Support please

Please encourage your child to read more at home, reading aloud really helps with their fluency skills. Many Year 5 pupils struggle with answering questions based on what they have just read so talking to them about it would be really beneficial.

Experience – The Greeks

This term we are beginning our new topic—The Glorious Greeks. This is a huge topic with lots of fascinating things to learn about. We will delve deeply into the Greek Myths to gain an understanding about how the Greek viewed the world around them, we will study great art and artists that were inspired by these stories and we will find out about the legacy of the Greeks in their contributions to medicine, Maths, science, architecture, literature, politics and philosophy.

We will be using some of the greatest artists and works of art in history to inspire us to create some of our own artwork. See opposite for some of the art we will use to inspire us, such as the Venus de Milo, The Birth of Venus and Prometheus Bound.

We are all very excited to learn about this fascinating people from the ancient world.

