

Mathematics

As mathematicians, we will be starting the year off by securing our knowledge of place value in numbers up to one million. We will then be continuing to focus on number, especially written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be expanding our knowledge through reasoning and investigation skills.

Maths homework will be given out on Thursdays and is due in on Monday.

English

To develop our English skills, we will be reading 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar. We will be writing diary entries in role as one of the characters, a persuasive letter, instructional texts, incident reports and even practising our drama skills with playscripts.

Within our VIPERS (guided reading) sessions we will be reading 'Thief' by Mallory Blackman – a dystopian drama with a big twist at the end! This will help us to develop our comprehension by focusing on the different skills of Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval and Summary.

Later in the term, we will be writing newspaper reports based on Greek myths and creating an Ancient Greek travel guide.

Comprehension and grammar homework will be given on alternate Thursdays and is due in on Tuesday.

We encourage regular reading at home and regular use of reading records to support the children in achieving their goals.

Science

As scientists we will be investigating the effects of pollution on the Parthenon, looking at different pH scales and how chemicals react to different types of rocks. We will be continuing to consider different variables and how to ensure our investigations are fair tests.

Year 5 Autumn Term

Ancient Greece



Celebrating Difference Week – 11th November

PHSE and Values

This term we will be continuing with Votes for Schools where we discuss and debate current issues around the world. We will also be discussing democracy and its beginnings in Ancient Greece.

Explore and Discover

We are going to be studying Ancient Greece over the next term. We will be looking at how life was different in Ancient Greek times, Greek gods, the Spartans and the start of the Olympics. This also links to one of our English topics – mythology. We are lucky to be taking part in the Global Scholars program where we will join an 'e-classroom' with nine other schools from around the globe. This year's theme is 'Nature and our Cities' and we will be looking at how to improve green spaces around our local area.

We will be having Ancient Greek day on 5/11/19

Computing

In computing, we will be learning about e-safety and how to stay safe online, particularly when dealing with social media. A lot of our Global Scholars work will take place on our new Chromebooks and we will be creating a video to tell our 'e-classmates' all about ourselves.

PE

In PE, we will be practising indoor athletics as well as taking part in regular sessions on our running track outdoors. We aim to complete our Keston Kilometre three times per week.

Swimming day:
Wednesday

P.E day: Thursday

RE

We will be looking at different aspects of Christianity and taking the lead in the Christmas Carol Concert at St John's in December.

Art / DT / Food Technology

As artists, we will be creating Greek pots made of clay and experimenting with how different colours create different temperatures in our artwork.

We will develop technology skills through cooking some (hopefully) delicious Greek food!

Music

As musicians we will be practising singing in rounds and getting ready for the Carol Concert.