

**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. We will also be focusing on practicing our basic skills each week and developing our times table knowledge

**As writers, we will** 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 practicing our drama skills with playscripts. Later on in the term, we will be writing newspaper reports based on Greek myths and creating an Ancient Greek travel guide.  
**As readers, we will** we will be looking at Thief by Mallory Blackman – a dystopian drama with a big twist at the end!

**Homework** *Maths homework will be given out on Fridays and is due in on Wednesday. We will alternate comprehension and grammar homework each week. It will be given out on Friday and is due in on Wednesday.*

**As scientists, we will** be studying space in the second half term. We will be looking at our solar system and the different planets within it. We will be comparing Ancient Greek views of space with those of modern scientists like Brian Cox.

**As historians/geographers, we will** be studying Ancient Greece. 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 programme 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.

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**As computer scientists, we will** be continuing to look at e-safety and how to stay safe online. 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 us.

**In PE we will** be practicing hockey and 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.  
**P.E is on a Thursday. Please remember to send your child in wearing their P.E. kit.**

**As musicians, we will** be using Charanga to look at modern rock, jazz and blues.

**In wellbeing** we will be looking at what makes a good learner, classmate and friend, as well as discussing ways to solve friendship issues and avoid peer pressure.

**RE we will** be looking at Christianity and the Christmas story.

**As artists and designers, we will** be creating Greek pots made of clay and experimenting with how different colours create different temperatures in our artwork. We will develop food technology skills through cooking some (hopefully) delicious Greek food! We will also be looking at different mechanisms and levers in design technology.