

Year 5/6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

The Year 5/6 Teaching Team

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English

During this term, both Years 5 and 6 will be developing their acting skills role-playing one of the most famous battles of all time- The Battle of Marathon. Darius (the Persian leader) demands revenge after the Athenians back an Ionian revolt. The rest is history!! Over the next two weeks, the pupils will be creating a newspaper report after researching both Greek city states and Persian culture.

Maths

We will be further developing and strengthening our knowledge of place value. UKS2 will begin to read, write, order and compare large numbers up to 10 million. Fluency 15 will continue to run in each session with students practising times tables and basic mental maths. New Year 5 pupils will be introduced to Mathletics and all pupils will continue to use TT Rockstars.

Forest School

This term the new timetable has allowed UKS2 to provide a full Forest School day every other Monday - commencing Monday 9th September. Pupils must attend school wearing suitable outdoor clothing (not school uniform) for the whole day. This will allow students to experience new and exciting activities including: den and fire building, classification and foraging.

Topic: Ancient Greece

This term Years 5 and 6 will be exploring the Ancient Greeks. We will be studying the legacy they had on modern day society through their numerous contributions to education, art and culture. Furthermore, we will investigate the impact they had on both science and history of the world! We will be creating numerous pieces of artwork based around this topic.

Science/MFL/SWAP

Within science, pupils will be working scientifically to develop their own hypotheses, methodology and conclusions based on gathered evidence. This will be done through a range of exciting experiments exploring different aspects of science.

In MFL, we will be studying French. We will be focusing on greetings and numbers in the first instance.

SWAP is a programme for students in Y5 - Y6 that provides techniques and activities to help students learn good habits that promote healthier wellbeing.

Homework.

Maths, spelling and reading homework will go out every **Wednesday** and will need to be returned on the following **Monday**. This will begin week commencing 9/9/2019

Please try to work with your child to facilitate their learning at home.

P.E.

We love PE in Year 5/6 and we have lots of exciting, energetic and, most importantly, fun activities planned for the year ahead! Therefore, it is really important that we are kitted out correctly. We suggest bringing PE kit into school on a Monday and taking it home to be washed on a Friday to avoid children without kit. Can all pupils ensure that they wear the correct, new coloured PE kit and suitable footwear.

Dates for your Diary

10/9/2019—Year 6 Police workshop

16/9/2019— Book fair all week

16/9/2019-18/9/2019 —Year 5 Lineham Farm Residential (pupils to be picked up at 2pm 18/9/2019)

1/10/2019—Year 6 Weardale presentation for parents 5.15pm

11/10/2019— Greek parent event 9am-10am

16/10/2019— School photos