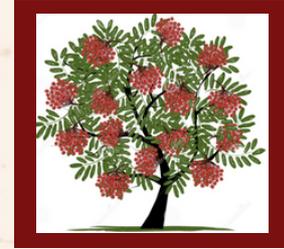




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In the name of Jesus, The Good Shepherd
C of E Primary School

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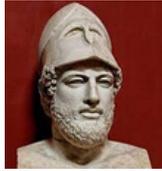


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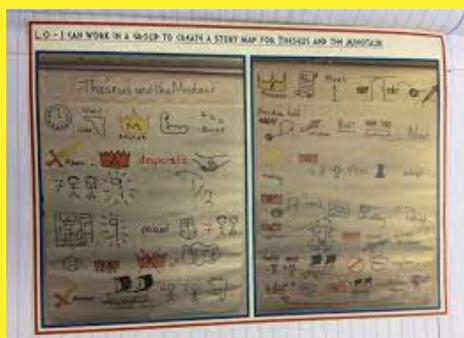
We have lots of exciting things to look forward this term in Year 5. We begin our learning in Ancient Greece and find out what legacies the Greeks left for us. As part of our wider learning on this topic, we will be holding a 'Greek Day' where we will take part in our own mini Olympics, try some Greek food and create our own Greek pottery.

In Art, this term, we will look at the human form in motion and develop our skills in sculpture, using the Greek Olympics as a stimulus. In Science, we will begin our chemistry unit on Materials, looking at reversible and irreversible changes. In R.E., we look at stories in the Bible as part of the Gospel unit, and think about how Christians interpret these stories from the Bible differently.

In PE, we look forward to some outdoor action on the hockey pitch and refining our skills in dance as part of our indoor PE sessions.



Our model text this term is based on the Greek myth, Theseus and the Minotaur. Our writers' toolkit will focus on how to create action and help us to develop our own beating the baddie stories.



Maths

Maths will begin with fractions and mixed numbers in January
- finding equivalents,
comparing and ordering and
then adding, subtracting and
multiplying fractions.



Dates for the Diary



- 3.1.23 - INSET day
- 4.1.23 - First day of term
- 10.2.23 - Y5 Computing afternoon at Rodborough
- 26.1.23 - Y5 'Greek Day'
- 6.2.23 - Open Classrooms
- 10.2.23 - INSET day
- 13-17.2.23 - Half Term week

Our value this half term is:
Perseverance

Homework

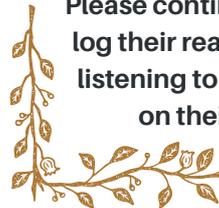


We will continue to be setting homework on a Thursday/Friday to be handed in by Wednesday. There will be a homework club during Tuesday lunchtime for children who would prefer to complete theirs in school. Tasks will usually be Maths and English and should each take no more than 30-40mins per week.

Children will continue to be given spellings to practise each week, following a spelling pattern. These can be found and practiced on Spelling Shed <https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/login>

Please continue to encourage your child to visit TT Rockstars where they can expect class battles and even house battles this half term. TT Rockstar club will be held for half an hour on Tuesday lunchtimes.

Please continue to listen to your child read every day and log their reading on BOOM reader. Research shows that listening to your child read regularly has a huge impact on their progress in both reading and writing



Things to remember:

Forest School will alternate with PE on Fridays this term. We endeavour to be outside whatever the weather, so be prepared with waterproofs and wellies please.

Our class PE lesson is on Wednesday and alternate Fridays, but please keep PE kits in school all week in case of changes. Make sure to include a pair of socks if you are wearing tights and a pair of trainers.



How to help at home...

Continue to celebrate children's successes and to encourage positive attitudes towards school and learning. Please do talk to the children about what they are doing in class, we are very proud of all they are achieving and we know that they are too.

We learn new Trickbox strategies each week to help with emotional management and personal development. More info at <https://trickbox.co.uk>