

## Our Terrific Topic

We will continue to develop the skills of historical enquiry with our fascinating study of the Gregarious Greeks. The Greeks had an enormous impact on modern civilization. We will be exploring how they developed mathematics, engineering, language, philosophy and political systems. The children will be looking at the everyday lives of the Greeks, comparing ancient and modern life styles. We will celebrate our learning with a fun filled activity day spent as Ancient Greeks.

## Mathematics

We will continue to develop mathematical fluency, reasoning skills and the ability to solve problems in both our discrete Mathematic lessons and through cross-curricular work. Children will consolidate and extend their learning through challenges such as: reading and writing numbers to at least 1,000,000; add and subtract 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers mentally; understand place value in decimal numbers; convert 12-hour clock times to 24-hour clock times; complete, read and interpret information in timetables using 24-hour times.

## Computing

Children will learn how to create secure passwords in order to protect their private information and accounts online. Pupils work together to outline common expectations in order to build a strong digital citizenship community. Each member of the class signs a We the Digital Citizens Pledge. Pupils learn what spam is, the forms it takes, and then identify strategies for dealing with it.

## PSHE

In order to support our children's Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHCE), we will be focusing on children's abilities to recognise their achievements, positive aspects of their personalities and their contributions, to not only to school but the wider community around them.

## We are learning...

### Year 5 'Gregarious Greeks' Autumn Term 1A

10<sup>th</sup> September – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### Year 5 Team

Mr S Ahmed (Year 5 Leader)  
Mr Drew  
Mr I Ahmed  
Mrs Carney

Mrs Beena Mrs Recana, Mrs Yousaf, Mrs  
Hantie, Mrs Praveena

### Parental Participation

At home, you can support us by encouraging your child to read with you for a short period daily; asking them related questions to check their understanding. Apply mathematical concepts to real life situations around the home. Support your children with their home based projects.



As part of the "Gregarious Greeks" topic for this first half term, Year 5 will be following the Literacy and Language Unit "Myths". The basis of the unit will see the children gain a progressive understanding of the Greek myth, Prometheus and Pandora. The unit will provide explicit development of the children's reading comprehension and writing composition. As the children build their understanding of the text of Prometheus and Pandora, they will complete activities, which will support key comprehension skills such as inference, summarizing, questioning, clarification and prediction. Talk for writing will also be at the core of the learning as they learn the story. The final outcome of the unit will be a written alternative ending for the story from the point of view of Pandora. To support this, the teaching and learning in grammar will focus on using the first person, past tense, use of conjunctions and adverbs to provide cohesion in paragraphs. Vocabulary will be expanded with synonyms and the use of Power words and phrases identified and taken from the story.

### Qatar History

A fundamental part of our curriculum is to recognise and appreciate the cultural and religious traditions in Qatar. This half-term, pupils will focus on the European Colonial Competition in the Arabian Gulf and its impact on Qatar; identify the European Countries involved and how it affected Qatar and to chronologically place these events on a time line.

### PE

Pupils will have the opportunity to take part in some fantastic sporting opportunities over the first half-term. Swimming, football, netball and basketball will be offered, as well as a range of after school clubs to choose from.

### Music

Based on our ancient Greeks topic, children will be using the Seikilos Epitaph music (oldest known written music) to sing and perform using instruments. The end outcome will be to create a short performance piece.

# Useful Information

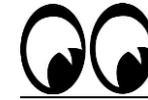
## Important Vocabulary

Please support your child to learn the names the major cities in ancient Greece as well as famous people from that period.

As part of our new school initiative to promote our 6 golden star promises, we would appreciate your support in helping us promote these values in school. They can be found in the front of your child's home communication book.



## Have a look - useful websites



You will receive passwords for the Reading Eggs Programme to support your child with reading at home – [www.readingeggs.co.uk](http://www.readingeggs.co.uk)

We will set homework in Maths and Science using [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

You may wish to visit the parent section of [www.ruthmiskin.com](http://www.ruthmiskin.com) to find information and videos related to reading, writing and spelling support for your child in Year 5.

## Library

Your child's class teacher will give you a timetable that explains when the class will visit the library.

Children are also allowed to visit the library before school and in their break times to read and change their books. They may take home one book as often as they like. The book must be returned in order to take a new one.

Please encourage your child to take very good care of their class reading book and library book!

## Celebrate Your Success!

Children in Year 5 attend a weekly whole school assembly where they can achieve the reader or writer of the week award.

We will also give our regular class star awards for fantastic effort and behaviour. Please offer your child lots of praise if they receive one of these awards!

## Healthy Snacks

Please send your child to school with a healthy snack each day! Fruit and vegetables are encouraged.



Please do not send any nuts or products containing nuts to protect our children with allergies.

## Diary Dates

### Open Morning:

Please come and visit us in Year 5 on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

### Mum's Coffee Morning:

Please join the coffee morning on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

### Last Day of Term:

26<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## Important Daily Reminders

P.E is on a Monday and a Wednesday. Please check the diary for your child's swimming day.

Please send your child to school with their diaries every day, and remember to check their book bags for any important letters or messages.

Remember a water bottle and sunhat every day! No hat – no play!