

Dear Parent/Carer

This half term we will be continuing our learning through our history topic on Ancient Greece and Passport to the World Geography topic.

Literacy	We will be looking at older literature, particularly Wind in the Willows in text, CD audio and DVD formats. The children will interpret the texts and relate them to their own experiences. Later in the term we will be working on explanation texts and the children will learn all about the features so that they can write their own explanation about a sport or hobby. We will also be focusing on writing and reading comprehension activities.
Maths	Objectives covered will relate to formal written methods and mental strategies for the four operations including problem solving to stretch our children`s understanding and applying skills. In Geometry Year 5 cover reflection and translation in the four quadrants and we will recap on some of the work covered such as area and perimeter to consolidate the children`s understanding. Times tables will always be at the forefront of our mathematics and children should be aware of 6,7,8,9, as we move through this year.
PE	Our Spring Term P.E will include dance and movement exploring the Cha Cha and its origins, followed by Tennis in the second ½ term. Also our children will cover cross country and events which Team Active have scheduled.
RE	We will continue to look at questions from both a Christian and Islamic point of view. We will be looking at how faith can contribute to community cohesion, especially in terms of helping others and charity work. We will consider the 5 pillars and how belief and faith plays a role in a Muslims life. Our Christian values and ethos will also be studied alongside the calendar events related to our school.
Science	Materials and their states – we will be investigating solids, liquids and gases and that some materials can exist in more than one state. We will also consider the water cycle and news items where flooding has occurred and why.
ICT	Analysing Data. The children will learn to use prepared databases to answer questions which rely on more than one variable. They will use features such as equal to, less than or greater than to search data. They will present data in graphical form, print out their graphs and use them to help them answer questions relating to the data.
History/ Geography	Ancient Greece. We will be learning about the battle of Marathon, who the ancient Greeks worshipped and why, and about the importance of the Olympic Games to the ancient Greeks. In our Geography work the children will explore our country, and the continents of the world., concentrating on a specific project country to analyse in detail.
Music	Barnsley Music Service will be providing music tuition. We will be continuing learning how to play the recorder and read musical notation.
Design Technology	Linked with our Ancient Greek theme, we will design Greek masks from initial sketches and ideas to a completed model mask using influences from Greek Gods, tragedy and comedy and Greek warriors.
SEAL	Going for goals. Understanding what makes an effective learner, setting goals and teaching another child a new skill. How effective will you be as a teacher and a learner?
PSHCE	Miss Dorothy – Looking at differences in people/children/races etc. Exploring tolerance and appreciation drawing on religion and our school Christian values.
French	Looking at places in a French town and events that are particular to France and the French.

Homework. Handed out on Friday and to be returned for the following Wednesday.

PE - PE will be on Monday and Thursday please ensure your child has indoor kit.

Thank you for your support Mr C. Green