



YEAR 5 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Welcome back!

We look forward to all of the exciting activities we have planned for Year 5 this term. We have both a Viking day and a Greek day to look forward to, kicking off our creative 'If I could turn back time...' topic. We hope your children have had a fantastic summer and are rested and ready to start Year 5 with a BANG! Should you have any questions, please come and see us.

Miss Bevan, Mr Brazier, Miss Alsaraf, Mrs Mullet and Ms O'Brien.

In English... during the first half term we will be looking closely at the significant author, Philip Pullman, with particular focus on *Clockwork*. We will be considering how he uses description within his texts, and using his work to develop opportunities to write non-fiction. We will also use our Science topic to develop a range of writing skills.

In the second half term we will be learning all about the Ancient Greeks and *Odysseus* is our thrilling book for this theme. We will also be looking at traditional stories and fairytales, resulting in a dramatic group performance of our own Greek myths.

As is key throughout school, children will be continuing to develop their Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) skills—it will be useful for them to ensure that they are focusing on this at home also.

In Maths... we will be learning about the value of both positive and negative numbers up to a million, as well as decimals to the thousandths position. This will help us to solve a range of problems and use our reasoning skills with confidence throughout the rest of the year.

During the second half term, we will be starting to look at using and applying the four operations within our number system. Again, the skills are key to developing reasoning skills across the year.



If I could turn back time...

In Science... we will be studying materials and their properties; considering the reasons for their uses and the different changing processes they go through. We will enjoy a range of practical activities in order to enhance our knowledge of the changes that take place.





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In History... we are learning about the Vikings and Ancient Greeks, and how they fit into a world chronology. Timezone will give the children a flavour of life during these time periods in October and November. Children will be able to bring these topics to life using their investigative skills. They will also have the opportunity to work towards creating a special grand finale to enable visitors to travel through time.

There are some wonderful opportunities for you to develop this interest with your child. The Horrible Histories books and programmes are fun and informative and can even be accessed on YouTube!

In P.E.... children will have two sessions of PE per week. They will develop ball skills in team games, as well as working on gymnastics and dance.

Please ensure your child has the appropriate PE kit in school at all times—white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms, and pumps or trainers.

In D.T. and Art... we will launch our new topic with an exciting and immersive day using our designing, making and evaluative skills to produce a structure using a range of materials.

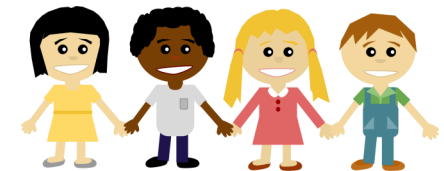
In the second half term we will be making Greek pots, looking at patterns and colours used in Greek times. We will also be thinking carefully about great artists, architects and designers. Perhaps we will discover some hidden talents!

*If I could turn back
time...*



In P.S.H.E. and R.E.... we will be using our knowledge of the community to consider what makes a good citizen and how we can all contribute positively to making our world a better place.

We will also be thinking about different ways we can stay safe during PSHE.



In Computing... To begin the year, we will be reminding ourselves of our prior eSafety learning, and thinking about copyright followed by some programming. During our Computing lessons, we will be creating our own websites in relation to our topic: 'If I could turn back time...' Here are some useful websites that you could look at with your child: <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk>
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>