



Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year 5! This half term, our value is **COMMUNITY**. I will be teaching in Year 5 alongside Mrs Skeats who is Class Teaching Assistant. During Collective Worship we will be thinking about how we are part of our local and wider community. After half term our value will be **PEACE**.

English

In English this term we are studying some of the Greek Myths including 'The Adventures of Perseus' and 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. We have already produced some fantastic work and we are working towards creating our own characters and creatures to produce our own myth at the end of half term. We are looking for as many opportunities as possible for writing in the curriculum.

Reading

Please read regularly at home with your child as this is vitally important for the development of their reading and writing skills. We appreciate your help to look after your child's reading record and ensure they are signed regularly and are kept in your child's book bag.



Homework

Homework will be sent home on Friday and must be handed back in by the following Wednesday. Spellings will be sent home on Friday and tested the following Friday. Please help your child to learn their spellings. It is important that the children take pride in their homework and look after their belongings.

Mathematics

In Mathematics this half term we are concentrating on Number and Place Value. It is very important that children feel confident in their knowledge of numbers and their properties. Please feel free to come and speak to me if you need clarification on our methods of teaching some elements of Mathematics. This year we are also timetabling a daily session called Number Club. After lunch, the children have a 10 minute timetables test. To help them improve they should practice their times tables at home as much as possible. It is important that the children learn them 'off by heart' so that they can perform rapid recall of any question.

Science

This term we are studying 'Living Things and their Habitats'. Children will learn how to describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. We will also study the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

PPA

On Tuesday afternoon I have my weekly non-contact time. During this time the children will have a Handwriting and French session led by Madam Brooks followed by P.E led by Mr Smith.

P.E

On Thursday afternoon the children will have P.E with Mr Smith. On Friday afternoon they will have PE with me. Please ensure children have the correct P.E kit on this day: navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms and navy blue/white T-shirts. Please make sure all items of your child's P.E kit are named.

Expressive Arts

In Art this term we will be improving on our drawing and painting skills. In drawing we will be linking it to our topic for this term and drawing Greek vases. We will also be looking at the Artist - Henry Toulouse-Lautrec. After half-term in painting we will be looking at, and imitating the work of Michelangelo and Dali.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Autumn Term - Ancient Greeks. We will be studying the Ancient Greek period from an historical and a geographical perspective. We will learn about trading and design, research lifestyle and clothing, and study key Ancient Greek buildings. We will investigate the roles and rights of free men, women, children and slaves in Ancient Greece and research democracy. Finally we will examine the Ancient Olympics and its modern legacy.

As part of this term's topic, Years 5 & 6 will be taking part in a Greek day where we will celebrate everything Greek, and after half-term we will visit the British Museum.

Philosophy and PSHE

At Nutfield we are encouraging our children to listen and respond thoughtfully and respectfully. We will use our P4C sessions to practice our skills. In our PSHE sessions, we will concentrate on school values of: community, peace, hope and love, grace and joy.

Uniform

Uniform should consist of grey trousers, shorts or skirt, a yellow polo shirt, a blue sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece, grey socks and dark coloured shoes or sandals (no open toes please). A blue gingham dress in summer for girls.

RE

We will look at a different topic each half term. This half term we are looking at the Muslim Faith. We have already enjoyed a very mature and philosophical discussion about our community and I look forward to many more!

And finally...

If you have any quick questions or concerns please feel free to catch me in the playground in the morning before school or at the end of the day. I am very happy to answer your queries and it is always good to see you! If you would like to speak with me more privately, please see me to arrange an appointment.

Miss Crocker
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