Y5 and 6 Summer Curriculum Newsletter



In the Groundbreaking Greeks project, your child will learn about different periods of Greek history, exploring the earliest civilisations, the devastation of the Dark Age and the breakthroughs and developments of the Archaic and Classical periods. They will understand how the geography of Greece affected the development of city states and explore Athens, learning about the structure of the government and society. They will get to know some of the most significant Athenians and understand why Greek art, culture,

architecture, philosophy, medicine and mathematics were so significant. Your child will learn about the leadership of Alexander the Great and discover how ancient Greece became part of the Roman Empire after the Hellenistic period. They will explore how the Romans respected and developed Greek ideas, making them their own and spreading them throughout the Roman Empire. To end the project, your child will decide which was the ancient Greeks' greatest idea and explore how the legacy of ancient Greece affects their lives today.

<u>English</u>: Pupils will be studying Greek myths; Balanced arguments; Playscripts and Odes; grammar, punctuation and spelling will continue to be a daily focus of each lesson. Please support us with Reading Plus in addition to regularly listening to your child read and questioning them.

Children will be reading 'Who let the Gods Out?' by Maz Evans as their class novel.

<u>Maths:</u> Y5 Pupils will study decimals, properties of shape, position and direction, converting units, negative numbers and volume.

Y6 pupils will study Statistics, Properties of shape and take part in themed projects. Please support us at home, by practising times tables with your child, using the TT Rockstars online game.

<u>Geography</u> - Where is Greece? Children will analyse and compare a place, or places, using aerial photographs, atlases and maps. Children will look at the geographical features of ancient Greece, including islands, significant city states, landmarks, surrounding seas and countries.

<u>Science</u>: Children will learn about the wider properties of materials and their uses. They will learn about the reversible mixing of materials, including the process of dissolving, and how mixtures can be separated. Irreversible changes, such as burning and rusting, will also be observed.

<u>History</u> - 'What do these artefacts begin to tell us about life in the different periods of ancient Greece?'

Children will explore artefacts and historical sources to find out about the ancient Greeks, Life in Athens during the classical period and Ancient Greeks' influence on the world.

<u>PE:</u> The children will develop their skills in a range of activities: rounders, tennis, orienteering and athletics.

<u>French</u>: The Olympic Games and 'At the Weekend'.

<u>Art & Design:</u> Children will learn about paper crafts, papermaking and collage techniques, including paper, fabric, mixed media and photo collage. They will learn about expressionism, the work of Edvard Munch and self-portraits.

<u>Design and Technology</u> – Children will learn about how architectural style and technology has developed over time and then use this knowledge to design a building with specific features.

Key Dates:

SATs – Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May
Y6 Trip to Saltburn – Friday 7th June
Y6 Year Group Photo – Monday 17th June
Sports day – Wednesday 10th July (Y5am, Y6pm)
Trust Cup – Friday 12th July at Middlesbrough Sports Village
Y5/6 Performance of Beauty and The Beast - Monday 15th July (pm) and Tuesday 16th July (am)
Y6 Graduation Ceremony – Friday 19th July at 2pm.

<u>Transition Dates to secondary schools for Y6 pupils will be communicated directly to parents</u>
<u>from each secondary school.</u>