

Year 5 and 6 Newsletter - Autumn 1



What am I learning this half term?

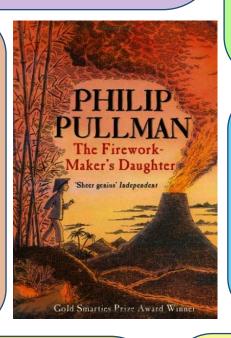
Welcome back to school and Autumn term 1. This is a busy term for UKS2 and we have a full term of exciting learning for your child.

In Maths, we will be delving into number and place value, focusing on the foundation of number. In English, we will be looking at explanation texts, starting by writing 'How to Make the Perfect Ice-Cream Sundae', moving on to writing letters later in the term. In reading, we will be exploring the adventure story of 'The Firework Makers Daughter', following the quest of a little girl to prove herself.

Early Bird Maths

Each morning, children will get the opportunity to revisit skills and boost their Maths knowledge.

From 8:30, children can come to class and work with an adult or enhance their skills using Chromebooks on Times Table Rockstars. Children need to be here for a prompt start to maximise learning!



P.E Dates

In P.E this half term, we will be focusing on Football, Cross Country and Dance! Please send your child to school in full P.E kit, which is t-shirt, tracksuit bottoms/ shorts, pumps or trainers.

PE will be on the following days:
5HW Tuesday and Wednesday
5GA Tuesday (swimming) and Friday
6NP Tuesday and Friday
6CH Tuesday and Thursday

<u>Homework</u>

Each Monday, spellings will be sent home. Children will have a week to learn them before being tested. These lists will be sent home for you to continue to practice them with your children.

Home Reading

At the heart of our curriculum is reading. Every day, children will have the opportunity to read and fall in love with a good book! We have a wealth of books available for children to read. Each day, children will take a book home to read with you. Please sign these after reading with your child each night and return them the next day. Children will receive a Dojo for daily reading.

Topic

Our topic this half term will be **The Ancient Greeks.** We will be exploring the daily life of Ancient Greeks, the differences between Athens and Sparta, the system of 'demokratia' (democracy), Gods and the Greek belief system and the first Olympic games.