

Faster, Higher, Stronger - Summer 2

I hope you all had a fantastic break and are looking forward to the final sprint towards summer. Our final theme this year is based on the Olympics and the Ancient Greeks.

English

We will focus on looking at some of the many Greek Myths, identifying similar themes and using our findings to create our own stories. We will hopefully have a go at writing and acting out short plays.

How you can help: whilst your child is reading to you, encourage them to locate challenging vocabulary, discuss the meaning with them and get them to use it in their own sentence; talk about the story so far and make predictions using clues in the text; encourage them to say why they think or believe in something using words such as 'because'; continue to learn spellings with your child making it fun by using the activities sheet that I have sent home.

Maths

We will pull together all of the learning that we have done this year, fill in any gaps that are there and ensure sound knowledge of decimals and the four operations.

How you can help: continue to learn the times tables with your child and get them involved with as much real world problem solving as possible. They can help you to work out costs and change when out and about, help them to see shapes and patterns as you travel around and help them to learn key facts such as how many centimetres are in a metre and what a prime number is. Mathsframe has some good activities, many of which are free and I also like multiplication.com because it has some really fun games that can be customised.

www.mathsframe.co.uk

www.multiplication.com

www.activelearnprimary.com

R.E.

After finishing Pentecost, our overall theme this half-term is Reconciliation. We will mainly focus on the Ten Commandments and how they enable Christians to be free and responsible.

Science

We will explore how our bodies change as we grow older - this will also be covered by our Puberty Talks where the children will be taught certain parts of puberty by the school nurse.

Art

We will study the human form and explore how to make sketches of people. Our focus will be sport to tie-in with our Olympic topic. We will explore the style of some artists and have a go at creating our own sketches thinking about 3D models.

P.E.

This half-term we will be focusing on aspects of athletics. We will mainly focus on the field events, but will look at using batons and starting races correctly. On Wednesday afternoons, we will continue to swim. Swimming lessons will be taught by a fully qualified swimming teacher. Please make sure that full kit and a coat are in every Wednesday.

Computing

We will finish off our coding from last half-term exploring ways in which we can create games using code. We then look at how databases can be used to store information and allow quick searches.

History

We will explore where Greece lies in the world, using maps, and look at how the climate and natural features have influenced man-made features and the land use. We will use secondary sources to find out what life was like in Ancient Greece and identify how we know what life was like back then. We will learn about their beliefs and the myths and how they governed their cities. We will hopefully look at the battle between Athens and Sparta before moving on to the birth of the Olympics and the legacy of Ancient Greece.

Music

Year 5 will continue to be taught by Mrs. Mallinson, our music specialist on Friday mornings.

MFL

Year 5 will continue to be taught by Mrs. Spacey on Friday mornings.

Please come in to see me after school if you have any issues or concerns, or make an appointment through the office.

Thank you.

Mr. Knight