

Year 5 Newsletter

Learning Challenge:
Have the Greeks given us more than any other civilisation?

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

We hope you had a restful and peaceful holiday. This term we have many exciting things to look forward to in Year 5. We will be taking part in the Spring Singing project practising songs for a big performance at the Royal Festival Hall for Brighter Sounds 2019. We will also be part of the H2O Heroes programme where we will be learning about water sustainability. Get ready for pizza making on the 14th February (hopefully they will learn the skills to make you a pizza one day!). PE this term will be on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child's uniform and PE is clearly labelled with their name. Unfortunately, if your child does not have their PE kit, they will not take part. Have a great spring term!

Days to Remember

Class Assembly	Tuesday 12 th February
Visits	14 th February Pizza Express
Half term	18 th - 22 nd February
Learning Challenge Event	Friday 15 th February



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Class Teacher: Miss Oliveira

Class Support: Mrs Villar and Miss Kane

Special Notices

Please ensure your child is at school on time and in the correct school uniform.

Lessons begin at 9am and children who are regularly coming in late are missing essential learning every day.

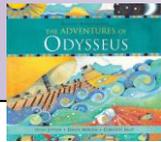
Values:

January: Hope
February: Appreciation

Learning Challenge:

In this learning challenge we will find out about Ancient Greece and in particular find out about Greek life, their achievements and their influence on the western world. We will investigate questions like "Who were the Ancient Greeks? What was the diet of an Ancient Greek and how does this compare to a Modern Greek diet? What was life like for a Greek soldier? How do the ancient Olympic Games compare with today's modern Olympic Games? And how have the Ancient Greeks influenced our lives today?"

During this Learning Challenge, your child will be set homework on the Ancient Greeks and will be issued with a guidance sheet full of ideas of what they could do. They will have up to Wednesday 13th February to finish this challenge. Your support and encouragement in completing the task is paramount to their successful learning. Our key text this term is 'The Adventures of Odysseus'.



Pupil Zone



Please make sure your child is regularly using the Pupil Zone area of the school website with access to plenty fun games to help their learning as well as access to homework!

Quick tips to support learning at home

- Helping your child to **complete and return all homework.**
- Encouraging your child to **learn their times tables to develop automaticity.**
- Read, question and discuss books/vocabulary with your child for at least **20 mins every night.**
- Reading and discussing the "Wednesday Word" every week with your child.
- If your child wants to play on the computer/ipad direct them to the Pupil Zone on our website!

Growth Mindset

Why do some people achieve their potential while others do not?

In school we have been focussing on the importance of our mindset. Our mental attitude can determine how we interpret and respond to situations. We tell the children the brain is like a muscle that gets stronger and better the more it is exercised. This sends the message that intelligence can be learnt, and that we are not born 'intelligent'. But with hard work and persistence our brain makes new connections and we become smarter.

We have been focussing on the power of the word 'yet'. When children find their work challenging their response is 'I can't do it yet!', knowing that if they keep trying, eventually, they will be able to feel that sense of achievement.