

# CLASS 5 NEWSLETTER



Autumn term, 2025.



## History:

This term, the children will be exploring the fascinating world of Ancient Greece. They will learn about the everyday lives of the Ancient Greeks, their beliefs, and the lasting impact this civilization has had on the modern world. Together, we will investigate Greek myths and legends, the origins of democracy, and the importance of the Olympic Games. The children will also study key historical figures and consider how Greek achievements in art, architecture, and philosophy still influence us today.

## English:

This term in Literacy, the children will be developing their writing skills through a variety of exciting units. We will begin with a narrative inspired by the short film Taking Flight (from the Literacy Shed), where pupils will focus on creating vivid descriptions, building atmosphere, and developing character.

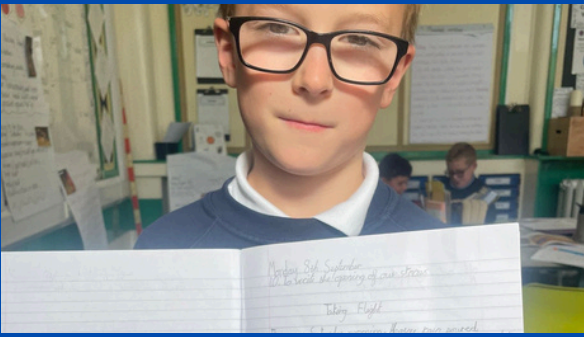
Linking to our History topic, the children will also write a non-chronological report exploring Ancient Greece's greatest achievements, learning how to organise information clearly, use formal language, and present facts in an engaging way.

Finally, the class will take a more practical approach to writing by producing a set of instructions for an Ancient Greek recipe, giving them the chance to focus on accuracy, sequencing, and the use of precise, instructional language.

## Welcome to Autumn Term!

Dear Parents and Guardians,  
We are pleased to present the  
diverse and enriching  
curriculum prepared for your  
child this term, as well as  
highlight some exciting events  
that will enhance their learning  
experience!

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## Religious Education (RE):

In Years 5 and 6, the children will begin the new RED RE curriculum. This term, they will study two key units:

- Creation and Covenant (Branch 1): exploring how Christians understand God as Creator, and how covenants in the Bible show God's relationship with His people.
- Prophecy and Promise (Branch 2): learning about the role of prophets, the messages they shared, and how these promises point towards hope and fulfilment.

Through these branches, children will reflect on important themes of faith, responsibility, and belonging.

## PSHE:

This term, our Year 5/6 PSHE topic is Created and Loved by God, where the children will reflect on their uniqueness, dignity, and self-worth as individuals made in God's image.

## Physical Education (PE):

This term, the children will be developing their skills in hockey, gymnastics, basketball, and dance, focusing on teamwork, coordination, and creativity across a range of activities.

## Computing:

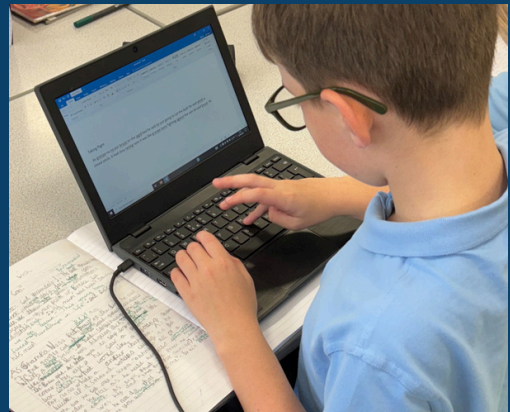
This term, the children will be learning about computer systems and networks, with a focus on how search engines work and how to stay safe online, supported by a visit to Crucial Crew.

## Maths:

This term, the children will focus on number and place value, including ordering numbers, understanding the value of digits, and working with negative numbers. They will also practise written methods for calculations, such as short and long multiplication and division, applying these skills to a range of problems. Along the way, pupils will be encouraged to explain their reasoning and use mathematical vocabulary with confidence.

## Science:

This term, Year 5 and 6 will be learning about Animals including Humans, exploring the human body and its systems, and the topic of Light, investigating how it travels, reflects, and helps us to see.



## Music:

This term, the children will be exploring the Blues, learning about its origins and key features, and developing their skills in rhythm, improvisation, and performance.

## Design & Technology:

This term, the children will be exploring inventions and achievements from Ancient Greece, including the design of Greek pottery and the construction of catapults, combining creativity with practical skills.



This term, the children will be visiting Crucial Crew to learn about safety and community responsibility, and we will also enjoy an exciting Ancient Greek Day, with dressing up, pottery, food tasting, and themed activities. In addition, Year 6 pupils will have the opportunity to take part in the Bikeability course to develop their cycling skills and road safety awareness.

### **PE Days:**

Class 5 PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child is dressed in full PE kit with their hair tied back and no jewellery on.

### **Black History Month & Remembrance Day:**

This term, the children will be marking Black History Month by creating and performing an art piece for the whole school, and they will also take part in activities for Remembrance Day, reflecting on the importance of honouring those who served and sacrificed.



**We look forward to an exciting and productive term with your child.  
Thank you for your continued support.**

**Miss L Jenkinson  
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