



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,
Welcome back after half term!

We will be reading *The Adventures of Odysseus* by Hugh Lupton, Daniel Morden and Christina Balit and using it as a stimulus for our writing and topic work.

Homework

Your child has already been given a new Home Learning brochure with tasks linked to our topic, for the entire term in advance.

Your children will have a weekly Maths task and a Literacy or creative task to complete. Where possible, Maths tasks will be graded with the star challenge, and children will choose which tasks they would like to take home to complete. There will be a weekly spelling test based on the spelling patterns and the words they expected to learn for their year. Spellings will be given out weekly for your children to practise at home.

In addition to weekly homework, we expect all children to:

- read daily (with an adult or independently)
- practise times tables, with division facts in a mixed order, up to 12 x 12

AK Star Badges

Every child in the school has been allocated a special star badge to recognise good learning behaviours. Your child is working towards earning their badge, so please support them in this challenge.

To be awarded their badge by Mrs Saville, they need to demonstrate the following:

- regular use of Mathematics;
- regular home reading;
- listening well;
- not talking over others;
- challenging themselves;
- perseverance;
- making good learning choices;
- independent learning;
- trying their best with spellings;
- being ready to learn.

General Reminders...

- Both classes will have PE this term on Thursday afternoon which for Year 6 will be taught by Mr Tanner. The Year 5s will have swimming at Cirencester Leisure Centre on Thursday afternoons and will get 3:45pm. It is essential that children have a full, labelled PE kit in school, including a water bottle. The Year 5s will need a swimming kit and towel. If they don't have their kit, they won't be able to take an active part in the lesson. If appropriate, your child may have a roll-on antiperspirant deodorant in their PE bag too (no aerosols please).
- Both classes have two Forest School sessions timetabled this term: Year 5 will be on the 7th March and the 29th March. Year 6 will have the 1st March and 28th March. Please send your child to school with appropriate outdoor clothing for these lessons.
- Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day.

Miss Thomas

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Subject	Year 5	Year 6
Themes	Ancient Greeks	Ancient Greeks
Christian Value	Value in focus: Justice	Value in focus: Justice
English	Myths and legends Persuasion Balanced arguments	Myths and legends Persuasion Balanced arguments
Maths	Decimals Percentages Perimeter and area	Algebra Ratio and proportion Geometry
Science	Light Investigation skills	Light Investigation skills
Computing	Research	Research
History	Ancient Greece	Ancient Greece
Geography	Greece and its location in Europe	Greece and its location in Europe
R.E.	Christianity – Easter Hinduism – How do Hindus express beliefs about Gods?	Christianity
Art & Design	Art linked to RE	Art linked to RE.
P.E.	Swimming	Key skills
P.H.S.C.E.	My friends and family	My friends and family
French	Madame Gavient speaking and understanding skills	Madame Gavient speaking and understanding skills
Wow Events	Visit by author John Dougherty 28 th February World book day 2 nd March National Science week – week beginning 13 th March. 24 th March Red Nose Day Global Christianity Workshop 5 th April	Visit by author John Dougherty 28 th February World book day 2 nd March National Science week – week beginning 13 th March. 24 th March Red Nose Day Year 6 Bikeability starts week beginning 27 th March Global Christianity Workshop 5 th April Mock trials
Community Links		Mock trials
SMSC development	40 acts of kindness- Lent activities	40 acts of kindness- Lent activities
Other Dates	Tuesday 7 th March - Forest School Wednesday 29 th March- Forest School	Wednesday 1 st March- Forest School Tuesday 28 th March- Forest School