



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome back and a very Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break with your families and got to eat lots of delicious food and read lots of fabulous books.

Our topics in terms 3 and 4 will be based on books called 'Shackleton's Journey' and 'The Adventures of Odysseus'.

We are so excited for another super term at AKPS.

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Homework

Your child's Home Learning brochure with tasks linked to our topic will be uploaded to Showbie. Your children will have a weekly Maths task and a Topic task to complete. Where possible, Maths tasks will be graded with the star challenge, and children will choose which tasks they would like 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 added to Showbie 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 12×12

Spellings

Spelling tests will be on Fridays. Children will be tested on 10 spellings based on a spelling rule and/or statutory words, which are words they are expected to learn for their year group. Please can your child make sure they have their spelling book in school on Friday so they can complete the test in their book and then stick in new spellings. This way you are able to keep track of how they are performing in spelling tests.

Reading

Your child a reading record to record daily reading. If your child is a free reader they are welcome to read books from our class bookshelf, their own books from home or books from the local or school library. Reading books and records should be in school daily.

General Reminders...

- Year 5's PE sessions will be on Thursday afternoon and Year 6's sessions will be Friday afternoon. It is essential that children **come to school in a full, labelled PE kit** in school, including a water bottle. If appropriate, your child may have a roll-on antiperspirant deodorant in their PE bag too (no aerosols please). **Children are to wear the PE kits to school with dark tracksuit bottoms and their school jumper on the day they have PE.**

- **Forest School sessions timetable:**

Year 5 Forest School- 12th Jan, 27th Jan, 3rd March

Year 6 Forest School- 6th Jan, 2nd Feb, 2nd March, 31st 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.

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Subject	Term 3	Term 4
Themes	Shackleton's Journey	The Adventures of Odysseus Greek legends
Christian Value	Perseverance	Justice
English	Letter writing Newspapers Diary	Myths and legends: Planbee Journey of a hero Persuasive letters to the gods asking to return home Balanced arguments (Y6) Debate/one sided argument (Y5)
Maths	Percentages (Y6) Decimals (Y6) Measures (Y6) Fractions & Decimals Y5)	Percentages (Y5) Perimeter and Area (Y5) Algebra, ratio & statistics (Y6)
Science	Changes in humans Human life cycle SC1 Skills	Light
Computing	Programming: Code4Life	Multimedia: Prezi presentation
Music	Charange	Charanga
R.E.	How far would a Sikh go for their religion? (Y5) What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God? (Y6)	Salvation: What did Jesus do to save human beings? (Y5) Salvation: what difference does the resurrection make to Christians? (Y6)
Art & Design	Pop art Gods (Mythologica book) Greek Vase scratch art Greek Bust portraits Skills: mixed media, collage, paint, wax resist, exploring art forms from other eras	
P.E.	Games with Mr Tanner	Games with Mr Tanner
P.H.S.C.E.	Healthy bodies Healthy minds Drugs	Environmental education
Topic	What was life like in Victorian Britain? Fair/unfair Poverty & inequality	What was the impact of the ancient Greeks on modern civilisation? Ancient Greeks Links between local and wider communities
SMSC development	Forest school	Mock Trials Easter Service Forest school
Other Dates	Year 5 Forest School- 12 th Jan, 27 th Jan, 9 th March Year 6 Forest School- 6 th Jan, 2 nd Feb, 2 nd March, 31 st March	