

Dear children, parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic Easter break and enjoyed spending some quality family time together.

This term our value is 'Service' and worship time in school will focus on this.

In English this term, we are continuing with our work on Greek myths using the text 'The Adventures of Odysseus.' We will be writing recounts and narratives and focussing on also be looking at using apostrophes, semi-colons and colons. We will be continuing to look at editing and uplevelling our writing independently using a thesaurus to find more adventurous word choices and a dictionary to check spellings.

In History, we will be continuing to learn about Ancient Greece and the impact on modern civilisation today.

In Science, we will be learning all about light and how we are able to see things around us.

Home Learning

Homework this term will continue to focus on spellings, reading and maths. Homework will go out on a **Wednesday** and will be due in on the **following Tuesday** (as before). The first homework of the term will go out on **Wednesday 19th April**.

Maths

For Maths home learning, as before, the children are expected to complete the task set; this will be related to the work the children have learnt in lessons. The homework will be differentiated and the children can choose the level they wish to complete. Please encourage the children to challenge themselves but to also work as independently as possible.

Reading

Our expectation is that children read each day for at least 15-20 minutes. Children can read independently or to an adult daily. We expect every child to record their daily reading, even if it's just a short note, so that we can keep track of their progress. Please support your child by reminding them to complete this task each day - thank you.

Spellings

We will be continuing to test children on weekly spellings every **Friday**. The spellings will be posted on Showbie each week and will be linked to Y5/6 spellings. The children will be able to use an online platform called Spelling Shed to practise their spellings this year. Spelling Shed is a scheme designed for pupils to practise their weekly spellings online via the use of the web link <https://play.spellingshed.com> which is free of charge and/or can be accessed via the Spelling Shed App. I will email a 'Parent Guide for Spelling Shed' and upload this to Showbie.

Showbie

Once again, we will be using Showbie to communicate information for parents including spellings, newsletters etc. To join the Class 5 Showbie page, please enter the code: **TF7AE**.

General Reminders

PE: This term PE will move back to a Thursday so please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school each week.

Forest School sessions: Tuesday 18th April, Tuesday 16th May, Tuesday 13th June and Tuesday 4th July.

Please add these dates to your calendar so your child remembers their kit! ☺

As always, thank you for your continued support and here's to a brilliant summer term!

Mr Hockaday, Mrs Lang and Mrs Dickson