

Homework

Homework will be handed out each week on a Friday with the expectation that it will be returned to school by **Tuesday**.



Children will receive writing, spelling and maths homework.

Please support your child by discussing the homework tasks with them. If you or your child is unsure of the homework please do not hesitate to contact me or the school office.

They must be working on their spellings and reading for 15 minutes each every day.



St John and St James C of E Primary School Class Newsletter

**Happy New Year to all of the
parents and carers of children in
Year 5!**

**We hope you had an amazing
Christmas and we are looking
forward to continuing some exciting
learning in 2020!**

Spanish

In Spanish this term, Year 5 will be learning to name and describe different genres of music.



PE

PE is on Tuesday and Fridays
Please remind your child to bring in their kit.

This term's focus will be on :
Gymnastics



Humanities

This term, Year 5 will be studying 'The Greeks.' We will be working on a series of lessons which will equip us to answer the following historical enquiry:
"What impact did The Greeks have on today's society?"

This topic is all about the influence the Greeks had on the modern world and comparing Ancient Greek civilisation with Greece and the world today.

We will be looking at Greek artefacts, the notion of city states, the creation of democracy, Greek mythology, the famous battles and Greek pottery.

We will also be carrying out an exciting class debate about which was the better city state, Athens or Sparta?



Trips

On the 4th February 2020, Year 5 are going to The British Museum to visit The Ancient Greek exhibition entitled 'A Gift for Athena.' Students will learn about Ancient Greek religion and how the Parthenon's architecture celebrated Athena's greatness and communicated the power of Athens!

Science

This half term we will be studying a topic called 'Properties and Changes of Materials' in science. We will begin by classifying different materials in relation to their properties and discover the difference between thermal insulators and conductors. We will also be looking at soluble materials, whether materials can be separated after being mixed and the chemistry behind cooking.



English

This half term, Year 5 will be completing pieces of writing which will reinforce the learning taking place in humanities lessons. They will be writing newspaper articles and a setting description of an Ancient Greek battle.

This will link in with our class text which is called 'Who Let The Gods Out?' This is a comedic interpretation of famous Greek mythology!



Accelerated Reader

Accelerated reading is timetabled for every Wednesday during extended day. Children will have the opportunity to complete an online test and change their reading books. During lunchtimes, children can also complete AR tests and change books daily.

Children are expected to have their reading books with them **every day**.

When children read at home, we also expect them to fill in the page numbers and title of the book they have read in their reading record books to be checked in school daily.



Maths

These are the fundamentals that we will be focusing on this half term:

Fractions, Decimals & Percentages -

- *Read, write & compare decimal numbers, fractions & percentages
- *Know the percentage & decimal equivalent of: $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{5}$, $\frac{2}{5}$, $\frac{4}{5}$
 - +, - proper fractions with denominators that are multiples and X mixed numbers by whole numbers.

Please also keep practising times tables with your child at home. The expectation is year 5 children are confident with their multiplication and division facts up to 12x. The children will have quick verbal times tables quizzes on Fridays to check their fluency.

Values

In Values, we will be looking at Celebrating Difference. We will understand cultures that differ to our own and how we can become more aware of our attitudes towards people that seem different to ourselves. We will understand the ideas of prejudice and racism and then think about types of bullying and reflect on behaviours we want to be encouraging in school.



Adults working in Year 5

Class teacher:

Miss Bienias

Support Staff:

Miss Bah

Miss Noreen

Student Teacher:

Miss Murphy