

## Oracy

Our Oracy lessons will be based on our humanities topic The Ancient Greeks.

We will use our new knowledge of the past to debate the following statement:

*I would prefer to live in Ancient Greece rather than in modern day.*

## RE and PSHE

In RE, we will be answering the question:  
**'What happens in church during Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday?'**

We will be investigating how the Christian church celebrates Easter in the lead up to the Easter holidays.



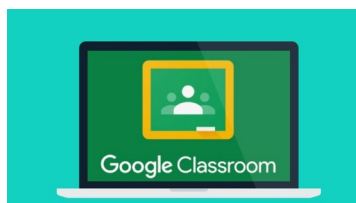
Every Thursday, we will have a PSHE lesson. Our topic is called: **"Healthy Me."**



## Homework

Homework will be uploaded to **Google classrooms** every week as usual. All Google classroom log-ins are in the front of your homework book. Please record homework in homework books and return this on **Tuesdays** in school.

Every four weeks, children will complete a spelling test of ten words which will be based on the learnt spelling rule.



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

### Welcome Back Year 5!

I hope you had a wonderful half term break and are ready for all the learning you will be doing this half term.

### Key Dates

**Friday 8th March**  
Class Assembly

**Tuesday 12th March**  
Class Trip to the British Museum

**Wednesday 20th March**  
Parents' Evening

**Thursday 28th March**  
Start of the Easter holiday  
(School day ends at 12 noon)

### Home Reading

Please remember to that you should be reading for at least **20 minutes** each day and recording a short summary in your home reading journals. This must be brought into school each day to be checked.

The library is open each day at lunch time. This is an opportunity for children to swap their completed books and take AR tests.

### Science

Our science unit will continue as:  
**'Properties and changes'**

Our enquiry-based science curriculum means that we will be asking and answering questions practically about the following areas:

- Separating mixtures
- Reversible changes
- Irreversible changes

## Writing

We will be continue reading our class text this half term, which is:

**'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief'**  
by Rick Riordan

The genres of writing we will be covering are:

- To write a letter to Percy's headmaster
- To recount an action scene
- To write a persuasive argument about the dangers of being a demi-god.

Our **grammar focuses** will be:

- To use -ing clauses
- To use fronted adverbials.
- To use modal verbs.

Our action scenes will be performed and recorded on Seesaw for parents and carers to enjoy watching.

## Maths

The fundamental that we will be focusing on this half term is:

### Fractions, Decimals & Percentages

- Read, write & compare decimal numbers, fractions & percentages.
- Know the percentage & decimal equivalent of:  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{5}$ ,  $\frac{2}{5}$ ,  $\frac{4}{5}$

### Measurement

Measure and calculate the perimeter and area of composite rectilinear shapes, understanding  $\text{cm}^2$  and  $\text{m}^2$  as  $\text{cm}/\text{m}$  squared.

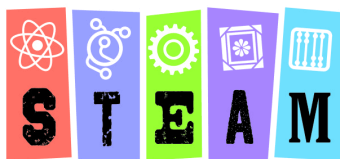
### Times Tables Rock Stars

Please continue to support your child to practice their times tables for 15 minutes every night.

## STEAM Week

This half term, our STEAM focus is 'Food' and Year 5 will be baking savoury muffins

We will plan a recipe and use a range of technical skills (such as chopping, sieving, weighing and folding) to bake the muffins, before we taste and evaluate against our design criteria.



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## Humanities

This half term, our history topic continues:  
**The Ancient Greeks.**

**Our key question is: What Impact did The Ancient Greeks have on Modern Society?**

We will be looking at Greek artefacts, learning about the Olympic games, understanding Greek mythology and analysing some of Ancient Greek pottery.

We will get the opportunity to see Ancient Greek and Ancient Roman artefacts in person on our trip to the **British Museum** on **Tuesday 12 March!**

## Computing

This half-term, we will be learning how to programme our own computer game.

Our **online safety** focus: How can the way we use the internet affect our self-image and identity?

## PE

Year 5 will be participating in orienteering and teamwork activities, which includes learning to use maps and compasses.

PE is on a **Thursday** morning. Full PE kit many be worn to school on this day.