

Year 6

Autumn Term 1

Subject	Focus
English	Our first focus narrative text this half term is 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief'. We will be writing a section of our own fantasy story using Rick Riordan's work as inspiration.
Reading	In reading lessons, we will also be studying 'Percy Jackson'. Having the same text for both reading and writing lessons will help children to make links between texts and develop authorial technique.
Mathematics	We will start by developing the children's understanding of place value, numbers and the number system. There will also be regular chances for the children to develop their problem solving and mathematical reasoning skills. Finally, the children will be exposed to test questions so they can start to practise their exam technique.
Science	In science, we will be exploring Light. The children will discover how we see, how light moves and sources of light,
R.E.	In RE, we will be exploring the key question: 'Why do Hindu's try to be good?'
Art	In this first unit, we will continue our ongoing theme of the Ancient Greeks by creating Ancient Greek art.
Theme	Continuing with the inspiration from our English book, theme lessons will focus on Ancient Greeks. We will look at the history of Ancient Greece as well as studying the geography too.
I.C.T.	We will be looking at E-Safety and the importance of keeping safe online.
P.E.	In PE, we will be studying basketball and gymnastics. The children will have chance to develop skills and create rhythmic sequences.
Music	Music lessons will look at advanced rhythms. Children will have the opportunity to listen to, and appraise music, as well as creating their own compositions.

Inspire, Discover, Achieve

Homework

Homework is an important part of school and will be set on Google Classroom. The children will be able to log onto Google Classroom and complete all their work online. Once they have completed it, they should 'turn it in' so that it can be marked. Should this not be possible from home, paper copies can be printed and there may also be opportunities for children to complete their homework in school.

Homework is set on a Friday and due on a Wednesday. They will have English, maths, reading and spelling homework once a week. As well as this, the children will have weekly spellings to learn which will include words that contain the different sounds or spelling patterns that have been learnt that week. The children will be given a spelling quiz on the following Friday.



Equipment for School

Please continue to provide your child with a water bottle every day, as water is essential to keep your child's brain 'switched on'. On PE days, please ensure that children come to school in the correct PE kit. If this is a concern for you, do not hesitate to speak to the office.

Additionally, please ensure that children do not come to school with makeup, false nails or painted nails. Long hair should also be tied up at school.

Reading

We listen to children read regularly to ensure they are reading books at the appropriate level for their fluency and comprehension. We ask that the children read for 20 minutes at home for at least 3 days a week and that parents talk to the children about what they have read. There will be a log on Marvellous Me to log reading. If your child is a reluctant reader, encourage them to read anything of interest (magazines, comics, newspapers – it doesn't always have to be a book).

In school, reading lessons happen three times a week, and children have the opportunity to comprehend their ideas with their teachers and teaching assistants.