

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a lovely Easter holiday and that your child is enjoying being back at school. This letter summarises what we will be studying in Year 5 this term, as well as clarifying expectations for homework. We look forward to working with your child this term; we hope they take as much as they can from their final term in Year 5.

There is a parents' evening planned for Year 5 parents in June – Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th. There will also be a final school report in Term 6, detailing your child's progress. Mr. Reid will host a meeting to discuss secondary school applications and the School Journey on 4th June.

Dates for Your Diary

7 th May –	Greek Workshop
23 rd May –	End of Term 5
3 rd June –	Start of Term 6
4 th June –	Kent Test meeting with Mr Reid 6.00pm
6 th June –	Sponsored Swim in School
10 th June –	Amherst Got Talent Week
14 th June –	Greek Show & Children to dress up
18-19 June –	Parent Consultations
28 th June –	Open Afternoon 2.45pm
28 th June –	Clubs End
17 July –	Summer Production – Evening Performance 7.00pm (all children to attend)
18 July –	Summer Production – Evening Performance 7.00pm (all children to attend)
22 nd July –	Sports Day
23 rd July –	End of Term 6

Topics

This list is not definitive but it gives you a broad outline of the areas being addressed this term. In order to aid your child's research, our topics for the Summer term are:

- **Literacy:**
 - *Holes*
 - Historical Texts based on the Ancient Greeks
 - *The Boy at the Back of the Class*
- **Maths:** Shape, Angles, Statistics, Geometry, Algebra, Ratio and proportion, general revision
- **Science:** 'Animals including Humans' and 'Sound'
- **History:** Ancient Greece
- **Computing:** Coding and Creating Media (video editing)
- **RE:** Islam – What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today? And Places of Worship
- **Art:** Clay designs inspired by Ancient Greece
- **PE:** Yoga and Swimming
- **Games:** Cricket and Rounders

Maths & English homework: Our English work is typically based around work completed, or due to be completed in school, to embed understanding and should be completed in full sentences wherever possible. Please encourage your child to complete all MA corrections before starting a new test (Year 5 continue to be set 2 tests a week, unless told otherwise) and to always write using our school's cursive script: *abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz*.

Reading: Your child should be encouraged to read for a minimum of twenty minutes daily, whether independently or with an adult. The children should record the book title and the pages read in their school 'Planners', which will be checked each Friday. Reading is one of the most effective ways to improve children's educational outcomes and we would encourage you to cultivate a consistent, positive attitude to reading at home – as much and as often as possible.

Unfinished or additional pieces of work may be set at the discretion of the class teacher to be completed at home.

Classroom Equipment

Please can you check with your child that they have all of the necessary equipment in school, including a 30cm ruler, scissors, glue stick, compass, protractor and black dry wipe pens. It would be useful for them to have a spare glue stick at school as these often run out.

Games and PE – Term 5

Children should wear their PE kit on the relevant day; please ensure all items are named.

5A	5J	5HR
Games on a Friday	Games on a Thursday	Games on a Thursday
PE* on a Monday	PE* on a Monday	PE* on a Monday

*Possibly swimming later in the term: trunks for boys/one piece for girls; swimming hats, goggles and a towel for everyone.

Educational experience

Continuing to link to Ancient Greece, we will be putting on a 'Greek Day' led by teachers, with an external show in the morning. This will consist of food tasting, drama and sporting events, allowing the children an opportunity to dress up as a Greek for the day. Again, more information will be sent out nearer the time.

Year 5 will also meet up with their buddies for the third time in the late Summer term, where they will be organising and participating in a mini-Olympics event with them.

As ever, should you have any further queries you are always welcome to book an appointment at the office to see your child's teacher.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs A. Archer

Miss P. Jones

Mr Hafford-Robson