

English



In the first half of the term we will be reading a variety of Greek myths. We will explore characters, settings and the use of language; we will finish the unit by writing our own myth! Later in the term, we will look at a story about a boy whose father's dream is to fly. This writing will link to our Science topics and the myth Daedalus and Icarus.

The children will then have the opportunity to think about their own hopes and aspirations for the future linked to a poetry unit and they will have opportunities to perform and write their own poems.

Every week, we will focus on an element of SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and we will be practising handwriting on a regular basis.

Maths

This term we will begin by exploring number and place value. We will develop our confidence using different written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and solve problems by applying these methods. We will also practise converting between different units of measure and begin to use statistics.

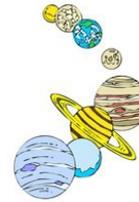


To support your child at home, please encourage them to learn their times tables off by heart. Times Table Rock Stars is an extremely effective app to practise times tables in a fun way.

Science

Our science topic will be 'Forces' and 'Space' which we will explore through the theme of 'Ancient Skies'.

We will be exploring forces, including push, pull and experimenting with materials. We have a great lesson making parachutes for our toys!



We will also learn about the shapes and relative sizes of the Earth, Sun and Moon. Using models, we will learn how the three bodies move relative to each other and how these movements relate to night and day.

History and Geography



Our theme this term is 'Ancient Skies'. Our humanities focus will be history and the children will use a range of sources and artefacts to find out about the Ancient Greeks. The children will move on to consider how Ancient Greek scholars contributed to our knowledge and understanding of the world and the impact they have had on modern day democracy and society.

Our exciting topic will culminate in an immersion day where children will have the opportunity to become an Ancient Greek for the day.

Computing

This half term we will be 'Game Developers'. We will be using Scratch to develop an interactive game; designing, writing and debugging programs using Scratch.

During the second term, we will be 'Investigators' where we will be using Purple Mash as a database on planets to record details on different characteristics.



Art and Design & Technology



We will be exploring Greek architecture, creating our own larger scale charcoal drawings of columns with a focus on the elements of art, line and shape. We will be learning about Space, creating our own space jars using a variety of materials. Also, with a focus on Van Gogh, we will create a collaborative piece of art using a variety of different mediums.

In D&T, we will be looking at Greek temples and discussing their purpose and common features. The children will have the opportunity to design and make their own clay pots.

P.E.

PE will be taught on a **Wednesday and Thursday**.

Please ensure that your child comes into school **wearing** their PE on these days, no need to bring a change of clothes.

This term the class will focus on athletics when Miss Jackson is teaching PE. We will use our Ancient Greek theme to compete in our own class Olympics. We will learn about running, jumping and throwing. With Coach Reuben, the class will be learning about gymnastics. Focussing on flexibility and balance.



Homework

Your child will be set English and Maths Home Learning on a **Friday** and it must be handed in on the following **Wednesday**. As well as the Maths and English homework, the children will complete a weekly spelling test. They will be given the spellings on a Friday and tested the following Friday.

Reading

Across KS2 reading record expectations have changed. The children should hand in their reading records everyday and it **should be signed every day**.

If you require any clarification on tasks set then please do not hesitate to ask.



Music



This year the children will be learning the Ukulele! Looking closely at the ukulele, the children will name parts using key vocabulary. They will learn the notes and some chords to help them to play a variety of simple songs. We will have these music lessons on **Wednesday** and the school will provide each pupil with a ukulele to use during these sessions.

R.E. & P.S.H.C.E

This half term our Core Christian Value is 'Koinonia'. After half term it will be 'Friendship'.

Across Year 5 we will be exploring three religions: Christianity, Islam and Judaism. This term we will be studying Liturgy in the Christian faith. We will use this to find ways to express meaning.

In the second half term we will be learning about how Christians advertise Christmas and then explore Christmas through music and art.



Teacher - Miss Jackson

Teaching Assistants:
Mrs Collier and Mrs Thakker



HAMPSTEAD PAROCHIAL
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Year 5 Autumn Newsletter

Welcome back to Hampstead Parochial and a warm welcome to Year 5. We are so glad to be back at school and can't wait to get to know you all this year!

We have a lot of exciting learning planned for this year and it is a privilege to be teaching your children. This week, they have shown that they are keen to get back to business and work hard. It is exciting to see them so readily return to school life.

Dates for your diary:

Half term: 25th-29th October

P.E Days: Wednesday and Thursday

Parent Consultations: TBC

Ancient Greek Day: 19th October