



Year 6 Newsletter

Term 2

DATES

4.11.19 INSET day
(academy closed to pupils)
05.11.19 First day of Term 2
02.12.19 Big Sing at The White Rock
16.12.19 Christmas Enterprise Event 3:15pm
18.12.19 Celebration Afternoon 2:30pm
19.12.19 KS2 Christmas Singing (main playground)
20.12.19 Christmas Jumper Day
20.12.19 Christmas Dinner
20.12.19 Last day of Term 2
06.01.20 First day of Term 3



Swords and Sandals

ENGLISH

This term in English the pupils will be studying the text The Adventures of Odysseus and Who Let the Gods Out? They will use the texts to inspire their own work, beginning with a unit on story-telling. The pupils will develop skills to enable them to empathise with characters, discuss themes within the text and retell the stories with focus on description within their own exciting portal stories. After this, the children will write a report on the day Odysseus challenges the suitors.

We will continue to test spellings on a weekly basis (both statutory words and spelling patterns learnt throughout the week) and carry out regular handwriting lessons.

MATHS

This term, pupils will focus mainly on fractions. The term begins with simplifying, ordering and comparing fraction using their knowledge of common factors and multiples. They will then move onto adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators. The pupils will learn how to multiply and divide fractions by whole numbers and then move onto make comparisons between fractions, decimals and percentages. Throughout the term, we will continue to have a focus on times tables strategies, mental arithmetic and use the wide range of activities on Mathletics. Those that support the learning this term are located under the 'Fractions', 'Fractions Calculating' and 'Decimal and Percentages' headings.

REMINDERS

Welcome back to all pupils, parents and carers. We hope you have had a fantastic half term and are ready to get stuck into the new term.

Home Learning: We will continue to set termly home learning which will be sent home on the first Monday of each term. Pupils will aim to complete a number of activities to score a minimum of 20 points. This has been sent on ParentPay.

Outdoor Learning: Pupils in Willow have outdoor learning Monday or Tuesday. Pupils in Walnut have outdoor learning on Thursday or Friday. Both classes will have a PE session on Friday. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing on these days.



LEARNING JOURNEY FOCUS

The pupils will be developing their understanding of Ancient Greece. Through research and other hands on activities, the pupils will discover fascinating facts about the Greek way of life during this time. They will have the opportunity to compare different states such as Sparta and Athens and look for similarities and differences between the two. On top of this, we will look at warfare and the tactics used by the Ancient Greeks. As the unit continues, the pupils will have the opportunity to learn about clothing, trade and the incredible mythical creatures and legends of this time, as well as the legacy left behind.

The pupils will be extending their learning journey topic by exploring the artistic side of the ancient Greeks! Pupils will learn about personal Greek-style clay pottery. They will research Greek vases and they will then get the opportunity to design, create and evaluate their very own Greek vase based on the research they carried out.

RE

This term, we will be looking into the Trinity as well as the Creed and they will explore the importance of them to those that follow the Christian faith.

PSHEE

The pupils will begin by focusing on new beginnings and discussing the issues that may arise when they are faced with new situations. They will have an opportunity to explore their feelings as well as thinking about strategies that could help them through difficult situations.

