



FRANCES OLIVE ANDERSON
Church of England (Aided) School



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Autumn Terms 1 & 2

Dear Parents and Carers

It is fantastic to see the children back in school and I hope that you have had a lovely summer break.

For the first part of the Autumn term our topic will be 'Groundbreaking Greeks', looking at the people, architecture and influences from Ancient Greece. We hope this will be a fun and exciting topic. After half-term, we will be keen scientist, looking into Space and exploring our solar system.

Homework

For the Year 5 homework, each week a maths activity will be set, normally on a Monday, which will be due in the following Monday. A worksheet will be handed out as well as a copy being uploaded to Seesaw - children can upload their work or hand it in to class. We are trying to cover all bases and ensure that everyone has access.

Spellings

We will continue to use Spelling Shed games to enhance the spelling practice we share in class. This is NOT homework, but children can practice at home if they wish. Spellings will be tested on a Friday.

TT Rockstar

Please keep encouraging your child to practise their times-tables every week - just 10 minutes 3 times per week can make a huge difference and makes more advanced maths easier to understand.

Reading

Reading at home continues to be a focus and it is essential that children record their reading in their reading diary/Boomreader. Please get in touch if you are having trouble accessing the BoomReader App.

During Years 5 & 6, it is so important for children to read every day to consolidate and extend their basic skills, become fluent, confident readers, build a vocabulary of words and concepts, and most importantly be able to comprehend increasingly sophisticated texts. It is a transition from 'learning to read' to 'reading to learn'.

Year 5 children are expected to read at home 4 times per week as part of their weekly homework - this should be at least 10 pages - the children should mark the pages read from / to in their reading record.



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PE

Please ensure that your child has suitable clothing for both outdoor and indoor PE lessons and a suitable **roll-on deodorant** is also a good idea from Year 5 onwards.

PE will be on a Wednesday morning and a Thursday afternoon.

A reminder that school PE kit should be worn, not football shirts/kits. As the weather can be changeable it is advised that both indoor and outdoor footwear/clothing is kept in school. Earrings must be removed/covered.

Please support your child by ensuring they have their named P.E. Kit in

Curriculum Overview.

Maths - Place Value / Addition and Subtraction / Multiplication and Division

English - Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief - Narrative / Myths / Comprehension

RE - Being Human - Hinduism/Islam

Topic (Science/Geography/History/ICT/ D&T/ Art) Space (Term 2)

Water Bottles.

Please can you send your child to school with a water bottle to keep in the classroom. This will need to be taken home and washed regularly.

We value the role that parents/carers play in education and hope that by working in partnership with you, we will be able to fully support your child's learning and help them to achieve their full potential. Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Hearn