

Year 5 – kestrels Spring Curriculum Letter



Happy New Year! Last year the children enjoyed going back in time and learning all about life of an Egyptian... once again we jump into our time machine and head back to the future... to the time of the *Groovy Greeks*.

In English, our focus will be on improving our choice of vocabulary, continuing to learn new punctuation to change the meaning of a sentence as well as looking at new styles of writing e.g. poetry, writing mythical stories, character and scene developments, writing reports from a detective's point of view and entering the 500 words competition.

In Maths, we will continue to develop our timetable knowledge and complete our work on long division. We will continue to look at and understand word problems as well as starting our new unit of fractions, decimal and percentages.

During our 'Groovy Greeks' topic we will discover:

- In science, we will be looking at materials and their properties. We will complete different investigation in the science lab exploring why materials are chosen for different things and comparing recycled materials against non-recycled for their purpose.
- In art and design, we will analyse and interpret the Ancient Greeks style of paintings drawings, pottery and art work. Children will build their own Greek pots from clay and paint their design on it. As well as looking at paintings that tell a story.
- In Design and technology, as well as making their own clay pots they will be building the city of Ancient Greece and re-constructing famous buildings.
- In history, we will be exploring the Ancient Greeks, learning about what life was like in 800BC and their customs as well as experiences what it was like to live as a Greek on our Greek day in Spring 2.

On Thursday afternoons Mrs Pottruff will be leading the sessions on Music, French and R.E.

In R.E, Children will be learning all about Salvation and the different beliefs of other religions and their Gods.

- In music, Children will be enjoying our music room and will be using different instruments to compose music for the Greek era and looking at how music can shape movements.
- In French, children will be continuing to learn their numbers, days, months, seasons and starting to learn about food shopping.

Children must remember to bring in their **PE kits on WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY** where we will be doing indoor gymnastics on Wednesdays and football outdoors on Fridays. Please wear jogging bottoms for outdoor PE as it is very cold.

Homework: Children will receive spelling homework every Monday for a test on Fridays. On Fridays, children will receive English and Maths homework ready to be handed in on the following Friday, Children will be bringing their AR reading books home and encouraged to read at least 3 times a week.

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak with me. I am always happy to discuss anything important to you and your child. I will also be available for drop-ins every other Wednesday afternoon from 3pm. We are ready and excited to dive into our new topic this term.

Mrs Humphrey