

Year 5	This half term our topic is: Ancient Greece		
English		Mathematics	
In English, we will be exploring Homer's epic poems, The Iliad and the Odyssey. We will learn about the Greek gods and the Trojan Wars before studying Odysseus' long and eventful journey back to Ithaca. We will consider the similarities and differences in the various trials Odysseus faces and write our own Odysseus adventure. In addition, we will use a range of Greek myths to support our guided reading.		We begin the Spring term by revisiting place value. We will continue to focus on the development of number and calculation skills, particularly in relation to addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and applying these in problem solving contexts. STEM Week linking maths and science will take place in the week before half term where we will be looking at code breaking.	
Science	Computing	History	Art
Our Science topic for the term is Forces. We will learn about gravity, friction, air resistance and up-thrust, and explore the ways the scientists and engineers harness these forces to help us in our daily lives. Our skills focus will be the use of repeated measurements and writing conclusions.	Our Computing lessons will focus on using 'Google Sketch Up', a software design tool used to create virtual models. Children will design their own virtual art gallery to display their Greek pots and other art work.	In History, we will explore many aspects of Ancient Greek civilisation, including the family, the role of women, democracy, slavery, culture sport, warfare and religion.	Art lessons will focus on Ancient Greek artefacts, in particular exploring Greek pots. Children will be designing and creating their own clay pots in the Ancient Greek style.
Physical Education	RE led PSHE	French	Music
Outdoor PE will focus on hockey skills and swimming lessons will continue on Friday mornings.	This half term RE lessons will focus on the Jewish faith, with emphasis on Jewish life. PSHE work will be around the theme of "Living in the Wider World."	In French, the children will consolidate vocabulary such as members of the family and animals. We will also learn about the verbs to be, to have and to like.	Our music sessions will focus on the theme of 'Celebration'.
Planned Educational Visits	Supporting your child's learning at home		
We have planned a trip to the British Museum on Thursday 21st March 2019 . More details to follow. Swimming restarts on Friday 11th January . Please ensure your child has an appropriate coat and hat for the cold weather.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework: Your child will be expected to write an entry in their reading journal each week. Other homework will be given out on a Friday and expected back in school on the following Wednesday unless otherwise stated. • Please make sure your child brings a full, named water bottle to school every day so that they can have a drink. • Please support the school's Mighty Multiples times tables programme by encouraging your child to learn their tables up to 12 x 12. Those children that know their tables, can still benefit from increasing their speed of recall. • Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit (plain white shirt, black shorts/ tracksuit bottoms & plimsolls – no football kits) is in school every week. 		

