

Year 5	This half term our topic is: Ancient Greece
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English	Mathematics
In English our topic is recounts in the form of diary entries and we will be reading 'Bill's New Frock' by Anne Fine as a basis for our work. We will be analysing features of diary entries and personal recounts, using drama techniques to get in role as the character and writing our own diary entries as the main character from the story. Later in the term, we will be writing persuasive arguments. Spelling will continue to be a focus across all writing.	In maths, we will be focusing on how to express a fraction as a decimal number and as a percentage and how to convert from one to another. We will also look at how to switch from improper fractions to mixed numbers, rounding to two decimal places, and using all of the above skills in a problem solving context.

Science	Computing	History	DT
In Science we will be learning about the heart and circulatory system and how to keep our bodies healthy.	Using Google Apps, the children will have the opportunity to create their own webpage and will use this to compile a blog about Ancient Greece.	In history, we will continue with our Ancient Greece topic. Children will explore aspects of the Ancient Greek civilisation, including music, religion, food, architecture, theatre and sport, culminating in a <b>Greek Day on Thursday 28th March</b>	Our focus is mechanisms and the children will be researching different mechanisms (e.g. levers, and cams) which will then be used to create moving toys.
Physical Education	RE	French	Music
Indoor PE will explore individual and paired improvised dance moves to reflect aspects of life in Ancient Greece.  Swimming will continue on Fridays.	Building on previous work, we will consider the concept of a life journey lived according to Sikh beliefs and values, emphasising the Gurdwara as a centre for community values and family celebrations.	The children will continue to focus on descriptive phrases for people and clothing and being able to use 'my' when describing outfits.	This term the children will focus developing their performance skills through the topic of 'Celebration'.

Planned Educational Visits	Supporting your child's learning at home
<p>It is a busy half term!</p> <p>We will be visiting the <b>British Museum on Thursday 21st March</b>. Parent helpers will be needed so please let us know if you are able to accompany us.</p> <p>We will also be dressing up for <b>Greek Day on 28th March</b> as well as <b>World Book Day on 7th March</b>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homework: Your child will be expected to <b>write an entry in their reading journal each week</b>.</li> <li>• Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school every day</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

