

January 2009



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Year 5 Newsletter

Firstly; we would both like to say a big thank you to all the lovely presents that we received from the children for Christmas. We were very touched by your generosity. Now with concerts, parties and Christmas over, it's time to get back to work!

Journeys....

Is our connector this term and we will be going on many journeys. We will be going to Ancient Greece to learn about democracy, what it is and how it is achieved. We will be travelling through the life of a plant, learning how they grow and reproduce. We will be going on a journey to ancient Greece, learning about how history has moulded our modern day democracy. Our journey will continue through our art and we will be expressing personal journeys in sculpture.

PSHE

To start with we are looking at democracy and decision making in our communities. This is linked very closely with our history topic of democracy in ancient Greece.

After half term our focus will be understanding change and feelings.

Literacy

This term we are starting a very exciting myths and legends unit. This will give the children another learning journey to travel through ancient Greece and introduce them to many mythical beasts. Children will have the opportunity to listen to myths and legends from ancient Greece, to write their own parts of a myth and listen to a professional story teller later on in the term.

We will also be looking at persuasive texts and write a persuasive piece using our own opinions about the characters involved in the Odyssey.

To improve accuracy of spelling and punctuation, please encourage your child to practise any spelling homework they are given. We are encouraging children to use comprehension skills by writing high frequency words in sentences. They will be tested regularly.



Numeracy

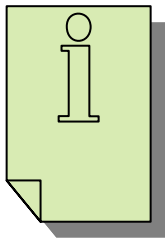
- Calculation methods
- Data handling
- Mental addition and subtraction strategies
- Angles
- Problem solving
- Averages
- Multiplication and division
- Properties of numbers
- Measures

Children will continue to learn times tables as part of their homework and be tested at school from their card.

P.E / Games

Invasion games during rotation afternoon and Tag Rugby

Information



Your child will need to continue to bring their communication book into school everyday.

PE kit (indoor and outdoor) must be in school everyday and can be kept in school. Now that the weather is colder, please could all children have a tracksuit or something similar to wear as we will be going outside for PE.

To help with our art this term if children see anything they think reminds them of a journey. This could be material, photographs, colours or anything that can be cut up and used to create a mood board.

If children have the opportunity to see any sculptures could they take a picture

and explain how they feel about it and what it represents to them? This can be recorded in their communication books.

Some reminders of dates...

16th January: 2nd project set – more info to follow.

20th January: NSPCC day – bring 10p in and jazz up your uniform with something bright!

21st January: 3.30pm, parents voice meeting.

26th January: Nit buster week!

2nd February: Activity day, multi sports with the Duston School

12th February: School closes at 3.15pm

13th February: Vision day.

After half term

11th March: Miss Farmer's Class assembly

19th March: Daniel Morden (professional storyteller) in to tell the children stories.

23rd March: 2nd project evidence due in.

2nd April: Spring festival

3rd April: School closes for Easter Break

Learning questions

Can you explain the sentence menu to someone in your family using your reading book?

Can you explain the functions of the parts of a plant?

Do you know the parts of a flower?

Can you recite all the division facts for your 2,3 4,5 and 10 times tables?

Learning is a journey and these sorts of questions keep learning fresh in children's minds.

