



Year 5 and 6 Newsletter

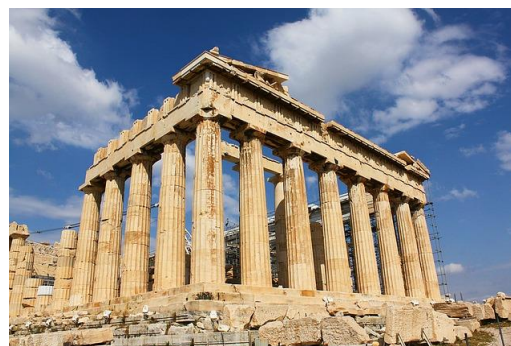


We hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas holiday. We were really pleased with how hard the children worked in the Autumn term – the work produced was fantastic. Another busy term awaits us – here are some highlights and important information for you.

Our History topic this term is **Ancient Greeks**. During this unit, the children will explore this ancient civilization, become historians and research the daily lives and activities of the Ancient Greeks: including looking at the legacy they have left behind.

In **Art** children will create their own Greek pots and will be creating their own Greek cuisine in **DT**.

In **English**, we will begin the term by reading the book 'An Eagle in the Snow' by Michael Morpurgo. Here, we will look at the theme of 'conflict' and debate whether the right choice can sometimes be the wrong choice. After half term, we will read a new school text 'Floodlands' by Marcus Sedgwick.



Our **Science** topic is 'Animals Including Humans'. Children will

look at animals: what they need to survive and stay healthy, the respiratory and circulatory systems and how they grow and age.



Mock SATs will take place in January for the Year 6s. These will be held in the classrooms on a rota (both for the mocks and the real ones) as this worked really well last year. Mock SATs allows for the children to see what test conditions are like, get familiar at working to a time limit and it also gives the teachers a chance to address any gaps they may have before the tests in May. We try to keep it as relaxed as possible. If you have any questions about this, speak to your class teacher.

We are looking forward to a busy and successful term and look forward to seeing you all again at Parents Evening where you will receive your child's mid-year report.

Helping your child at home

Please continue to hear your children read at home and discuss what they have read. Asking them questions about what certain words mean, getting them to skim the text for information and summarising points is an excellent way to extend them. Reading for speed is also something we are working on in school so practising reading fluently at home would be beneficial.

At parents evening we will give the year 6 parents a pack of optional English and Maths so you can work through these with your children at home if you would like to.

Special events for Years 5 and 6

Year 6 Mock SATs week: Monday 15th January

Parents Evening: 20th and 21st March

Roving Bookshop: 21st March (open during parents evening)

INSET day: 9th February

Year 5 Parents Residential Meeting: TBC