

Maidenhall Primary School

Year 5 Curriculum Letter

September 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope that you have had an enjoyable Summer break and that your children are excited about being part of Year 5.

Our year 5 team is as follows:

Owls Mrs West
Foxes Mrs Allen
Otters Miss Ward
Hedgehog Mrs Hanif

If you wish to speak with your child's class teacher, please make an appointment at the office or for a brief question, speak to them at the end of the day.

Uniform

The children are looking very smart in their uniforms and we are expecting them all to maintain the very high standards that they have started with.

I would like to remind you of the school policy during the autumn months: grey trousers/skirt, white shirt / T Shirt, red school jumper or cardigan and black, sensible shoes.

The weather will soon be changing and so we encourage all the children to have a suitable warm/waterproof coat for break and lunch times. Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.

PE

PE will be on Thursday afternoons and children will arrive in school wearing their PE kit. Children will need: a plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts, a plain tracksuit and trainers. Earrings and watches **must** be removed for P.E. lessons on grounds of Health and Safety. Long hair must be tied back.

Supporting Your Child At Home

In Year 5, there are a number of ways in which you can help support your child's learning at home.

Please encourage your child to read at home every day. It is really important that they understand what they are reading so asking questions about what they have read is a great way to talk to your child about their book.

We also ask that you help your child to continue to learn their times tables. There are some fantastic apps available and lots of games on the internet to support the learning of times tables. We recommend the children use Times Table Rockstars; they have logins for this.

We look forward to working with you this year and thank you again for your support in your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team

English

In English we will be looking at myths, focussing on Theseus and the Minotaur. We will be writing for a range of purposes including a non-chronological report about a mythical creature. The children will develop their reading comprehension skills by using extracts from different genres. We will focus on the skills of retrieval and inference.

How to help your child at home:

- Encourage your child to read regularly at home.
- Ask them questions about what they read using the questions in their reading record.

Computing

Our work in computing will be exploring and developing word processing skills. This will focus on Google Docs to support the use of Google Classroom.

History

Children will learn about Ancient Greece in our history lessons. They will learn about everyday life in Ancient Greece and also look at the influence of Ancient Greece on the western world. We will use the book 'Groovy Greeks' to support our work.

Art

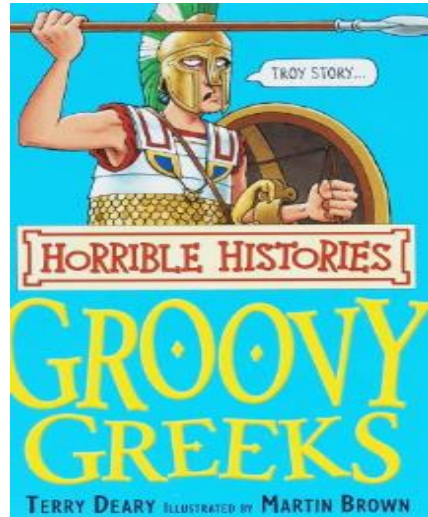
In our lessons, the children will be learning about art in Ancient Greece. We will look at pottery and how they told stories using their artwork. The children will create a sculpture of a replica Greek vase using clay.

Maths

We will focus on place value by comparing and ordering numbers. Children will also develop their knowledge of the four number operations. They will practise formal written methods and apply this to problem solving tasks.

How to help your child at home:

- Help your child to learn their 3x, 4x, 6x and 8x times tables and corresponding division facts.
- Practise solving two step word problems.



PSHE/Circle Time

Children will explore their feelings associated with our school values through circle time and appropriate games.

Music

Children will be learning about musicians and their compositions. They will develop their knowledge of notation.

Science

Your child will learn about forces such as gravity and friction, with a focus on how it affects our daily lives. Children will take part in a variety of experiments to learn more about this.

How to help your child at home:

- Research the different planets.
- Discuss the cycle of the moon.

RE

In R.E the children will be taught the unit 'Why should we be thankful to Hindus?' They will learn about key religious leaders and look at why people chose to follow them.

PE

In P.E. children will develop their fitness and coordination through hockey, basketball, throwing and hitting and dodgeball. These skills are fundamental building to team work and developing strategies to win.

MFL

In our French lessons, we will learn how to describe the seasons. We will use key phrases and practise these in conversations with a partner. We will also learn about the geography of France.