



## Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

### Creative Curriculum



To begin 2019, the children's new topic will be 'Into the Labyrinth', where we will be investigating life in modern and Ancient Greece.

In Geography, we will be studying maps and exploring the physical landscape of Greece. Additionally, we will be identifying the hosting countries of both the Olympic and Winter Olympic Games on a world map, discussing climate differences and the different locations.

In History, we will be comparing life in Athens and Sparta. We will be exploring how Ancient Greece affected future civilisations, exploring which Ancient inventions and developments are still around today.

To tie our topic study together, we will explore the Greek Art and Design and developing an understanding of how Greek art and architecture and its influence on the modern world. We will use this newfound knowledge to support us in creating our own labyrinth models.

### English

Children will be using the new Ancient Greece topic to inspire a variety of writing tasks throughout the spring term. Debate sessions linking to our British Values will be held, where the children will take on the role of an Athenian or Spartan. The children will also take on the role of a journalist, reporting on the Trojan War to compile their own newspaper reports. We will also explore a range of famous Myths and legends from the era including Theseus and the Minotaur and the legend of Medusa. Our focus will be on the application of different sentence types, using sophisticated language and punctuation for effect as well as in our reading retrieving key information from a non-fiction text and understanding

Please be reading regularly with your child to support reading with fluency, as well as comprehension skills.



### Science

This term, the children will be learning all about animals and human life cycles through our topic 'animals including humans'. The children will draw a timeline to indicate stages in the growth and development of humans as well as learning about the changes that we experience, as we grow older.



### Mathematics

To begin the term, the children will begin to multiply four-digit numbers by one-digit, building up to four-digit by two-digits using a formal written method. They will also divide numbers up to 4 digits by a one digit number using the formal written method of short division and interpret remainders appropriately for the context.

In addition to this, the children will spend a number of weeks looking at fractions and their relationship with percentages and decimals. We will compare and order fractions as well as identifying, naming and writing equivalent fractions. Next, the children will learn how to add and subtract fractions in order to solve a range of reasoning questions. We will be recognising mixed numbers and improper fractions, and converting between the two. The unit will be finished off by reading and writing decimal numbers as fractions.

### Enrichment

- Greek Day within school

### Important Dates & Information

- Swimming will be continuing in the New Year. Please equip your child with an appropriate swimming costume and a towel, remembering to remove any jewellery.
  - 5F – Tuesday afternoon.
  - 5D – Friday afternoon.