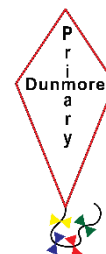




Dunmore School

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn term



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope that you and your child/children had a lovely summer break and that you are ready for lots of learning and an exciting school year.

Our topic this term is: The Ancient Greeks	
We will be starting our year with an great topic, studying where the Ancient Greeks came from, their lives and beliefs and how they have influenced our lives today. We will have fun links between other areas of the curriculum such as art, English, music and D.T. In geography lessons, we will be finding out about modern day Greece.	
English In our English lessons, we will be reading and writing Greek myths and exploring the work of significant poets. We will have discrete weekly handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar lessons (SPaG) and aspects taught in these lessons will be applied in our daily English lessons as well as across the curriculum. Daily Guided Reading sessions will also take place.	Maths Lessons will focus on developing mental and written strategies and an understanding and application of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Place value• Negative numbers• Rounding• Addition and subtraction• Multiplication and division• Roman numerals• Number and practical problems• Word problems
Science We will begin the year by investigating materials and their properties, and investigating whether they are reversible, irreversible or can be separated. Next, we will move on to find out about Earth and Space. This fantastic topic will cover why planets are round, what the planets are called, why the moon appears to change shape and what the sun actually is.	Computing We will be developing word processing skills and using the internet to research aspects of Ancient Greek life. We will also be creating spreadsheets, using temperature sensors and developing an understanding of computer algorithms. We will find out more about how to stay safe online.
Other Subjects In P.E. , the children will participate in circuits, cross country, O.A.A. and gymnastics. In R.E. , We will be finding out about beliefs and practices within Judaism, Christianity and Hinduism. In P.S.H.E and Citizenship we will be exploring positive communication, effective collaboration and how to compromise. In French we will be looking at pronunciation, useful phrases, questions and the time.	

Important Information	
Homework	- Homework will be set each Friday to be completed online on Education City by the following Friday . Please let us know if your child is unable to do this at home so that we can facilitate it in school.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spellings and times tables will be tested each Friday. You should have a paper copy of these and you can find them on our Year Group page. - Children will be expected to spend at least twenty minutes each week on Times Tables Rockstars. Ideally, they should be spending a short time each day on there. - There are links on our Year Five page which you might find helpful to aid you with homework and what we'll be learning about this year.
PE	<p>Class 11: Mondays and Fridays. Class 12: Mondays and Wednesdays. (Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school all week and that they are able to remove their earrings. No jewellery or watches should be worn) PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL UNIFORM AND P.E. KIT ARE CLEARLY LABELLED.</p>
Reading books	<p>Reading books will be changed as and when the children need to. The children are responsible for keeping a record of what they read in their reading records. They are expected to have at least three entries in their reading record each week, at least one of which should be completed by an adult who has listened to them read at home. These need to be in school every Monday to be looked at by the class teacher.</p>
Key Dates	
<p>Class 11 assembly: Wednesday 9th October at 9.00. Class 12 assembly: Wednesday 16th October at 9.00.</p>	

Signed

Ms Brackenridge, Mr West and Mrs Tuck.

Class Teachers