

# Class 5

## The Explorers

Terms 5 & 6 2019

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*For learning that lasts a lifetime*

**Welcome back from the Easter Break. We look forward to a wonderfully warm Summer term! As a class we are now trying to work to the very best of our abilities and are more often showing independence in our learning. I am sure the children are looking forward to discovering fascinating facts as we begin learning about Ancient Greece.**

### Learning and Exploring

The children have worked really well throughout the Spring term. They are now keen to challenge themselves further.

**English:** Through reading Greek myths, we will investigate settings, character development, dialogue & narrative style. We will also be looking at various persuasive texts as children explore how to analyse adverts and political speeches. Finally, they will read some poetry that tells a story. During their writing they will be selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary and improve their understanding of how such choices can change and enhance meaning. In narratives they will be describing settings, characters and atmosphere and integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action. We are looking at how writers create settings and characters by using imagery.

**Guided reading:** We are reading in groups which takes place daily in rotation. We are also focusing on improving our comprehension skills further. Children will have opportunities during the summer term to share a book with another year group in order to understand how to *engage* a child in a story. We will also be working towards producing our own reading book to share with our friends in class.

**Mathematics:** We will be increasing our knowledge and understanding of multiplication and division together with decimal subtraction and addition. We will improve our understanding of percentages, angles, polygons as well as fractions. We will be using our improved skills to tackle a number of problems and explain clearly when solving. We are looking at understanding the use of various number facts. The children will explain their methods so they understand the calculation fully. They are also keen to show how they can complete their 'just a minute' skills with multiplication tables.

**Science:** This term the children will be investigating materials and their properties. They will be learning about solutions and mixtures and how we can recover substances from solutions. We will also examine reversible and irreversible change. Be prepared for your children to surprise you with facts and designs for experiments of their own.

**Home Learning:** This is given every Friday and usually includes maths and English (a reinforcement of skills covered in class). The Reading Record Book should act as a contact book too. Pupils should aim to read each night and return the Reading Record Book every day. It would be helpful if both pupils and parent/carers record the reading with comments including pupil's own comments regarding the story - good bits, characters, interesting words and parts pupils have enjoyed should also be included.



We are going to be exploring the life and times of the Ancient Greeks and their fascinating cultural history. Please encourage your child to research for themselves too.

In French we will be learning to be confident when speaking conversational French.

In Games sessions this term we will be concentrating on athletics skills together with rounders and cricket skills. Sessions take place on Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Could the children remember to bring their games / PE kit on these days .

Lastly please continue to bring your books in every day to encourage our love of reading especially during the 'Drop Everything And Read' sessions after lunch.

