

# Year 5 Newsletter Spring 2017

## Year 5 teaching team

Mrs Bruce, Miss Porter,  
Mrs Greenland (PPA 5B) & Mrs Toseland (PPA 5P).  
TAs: Mrs Lee (5B), Mrs Parr (5P) & Mrs Chavasse (5P).  
Tues and Thurs: Mrs Choudry

## Diary Dates

13th January—Google Expeditions  
27th January—PTA Bingo  
31st January—Young Voices  
1st February— Year 5 Class Assembly  
8th February—PTA Sponsored Event  
  
13th February-Half Term  
27th February—Take One Book Week  
2nd March—World Book Day



## Maths

We are continuing on with fractions, decimals and percentages. In our 2 x Guided Maths session, the focus is predominantly on securing our times table knowledge along with recapping on previous learning, such as written calculation methods and place value. As we have mentioned before, we are keen for you to help your child, though they may be using different methods to those taught in years gone by. If you are unsure about how to help, we will be happy to point you in the right direction. Further to this, we are going to re-focus on securing ALL times tables to 12. Children will be bringing home a times table booklet as an extension to their homework.



## English

In English this term we are covering a multitude of areas, including investigating Ancient Greek myths. We have been exploring **Pandora's Box and various other myths** in preparation for writing our own. We shall be following this with a look at narrative poems, in particular work by Kit Williams, and an investigation into writing internal monologues.



## Other Curriculum Areas

Science: Classification of materials - solids, liquids & gases to be completed. Followed by Life Cycles & Keeping Healthy.

Topic: Ancient Greece - Exploring all aspects of Ancient Greece and the role they played as artists, athletes, believers, thinkers and leaders. Exploration of the beginnings of the Olympics with reference to London 2012. Greek Day - Food/Clothing.

Art & DT: Containers - clay pots.

Greek Gods statues. Talking textiles - tapestry based on a Greek myth. Labyrinths.

Games: Football, Hockey and Dance Computing We are artists! Geometry and art. Blogging.

PSHCE: Rules and rights. Understanding how a democracy works.

RE: How and why do believers care for the world and others?

French: Revision of key vocabulary - greetings/name/where I live/colours/food/animals/parts of the body/family

## Homework

Times tables : Children will be bringing home a times table booklet and will have a times table to learn every week with a test being held on Friday.

Maths: Sent home on a Friday and due back the following Thursday.

Reading: Children need to read everyday and record this. Once a week children need to write a detailed response to either reviewing or predicting outcomes to the book they are reading. This reading record should be brought into school daily. This is the minimum requirement, it should be considered separate to the Reading Challenge.

Grammar : Children will be provided with a Grammar related homework weekly.

Spellings: Issued on Monday and tested on Fridays.

## Games Kit

5B & 5P: Games kit (with house t-shirt) will be needed on Wednesday afternoons. PE kit on Friday.

*You can also email the office to inform Miss Nelson if your child is away [absence@wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:absence@wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk)*