

Year 5 Autumn Newsletter 2017

Welcome to Year 5! We hope you had a brilliant summer.

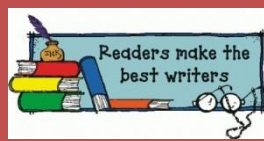
This term Year 5 will be learning lots of new and exciting things. Our classroom is built on the Coppermill Golden rules and both Sun and Star have made a fantastic, positive start to the term so far.

As part of this term's topic 'Ancient Greece' we will be visiting The British Museum to explore and study Ancient Greek artefacts. We will also take part in a temple designing activity.

If you have a concern or any questions, feel free to pop in and see us at the end of the school day at 3:30pm. We will be at the door ensuring children are safely dismissed.

Please be aware that time at the end of the day can be limited, so if you need to discuss anything in more detail, please call the school office on **020 8520 6267** to arrange an appointment. Alternatively, you can email the school at admin@coppermill.waltham.sch.uk

Thank you for all your support. We look forward to an exciting term with your children!
Mr McIntosh and Mr Walden and the year 5 team



Literacy



In Literacy we will be reading the poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes and developing our vocabulary as we try to understand the story. We'll be using it as inspiration for a number of pieces of written work including descriptive writing and a newspaper report.

In the second half of the autumn term we will be studying the play 'Romeo and Juliet'. The children will take part in a number of drama activities, will re-write parts of the play and explore Shakespeare's language in detail.

Reading improves everything about a child's literacy and it is important that you help your child to read at home for short periods of time.

We expect children to read at home every day for around 15 minutes.

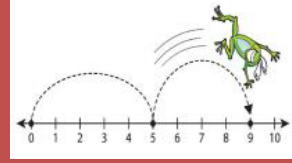
Here are some ideas for websites relating to literacy:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education> (Click KS2 > English)

<http://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-5-pupils-ks2-age-9-10/>



Mathematics



This term in Maths the children will be building upon their knowledge of number. We will be exploring number and calculation and decimals and fractions. This will give the children a core knowledge and confidence with numbers which they will then build on throughout the rest of the year.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their maths skills:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>

<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>



Science

In Science this half-term, we will be looking closely at energy including learning about different types of energy and energy sources. We'll also be discussing issues around sustainability including renewable energy and recycling.

In the second half of the term, we will be learning about how the brain works, why it is so important and how it controls our body and our emotions.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their science skills:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/science/>

<http://www.resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/science>

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/kids-activities-and-games/science>



Humanities



Our topic for this term is Ancient Greece. We will find out about: why the legacy of Ancient Greece is so important for us today; what life was like in Ancient Greece; some of the major battles fought at this time; what life was like for children. We will even design and hold our own Olympic games.



Computing

This half term we will be using the Light Bot app on iPads to explore programming including using procedures (a program within a program) and loops (getting programs to repeat).

Later in the term we'll be building on the children's knowledge of the website Scratch in order to create interactive projects including games.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their computing skills:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.kidsmart.org.uk

www.light-bot.com

www.code.org

www.scratch.mit.edu

www.kodugamelab.com



Art/Design & Technology

This half term we will design and create our own Ancient Greek pots, both out of papier mache and clay. Later in the term we will explore painting landscapes using water colours.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their artistic skills:

<http://www.artsconnected.org/toolkit/index.html>

<http://www.disney.co.uk/disney-junior/art-attack/>



R.E.



In R.E. we will learn about the Judaism. We will look at the foundations of Judaism, the everyday lives of Jewish people and major Jewish festivals and celebrations throughout the year.



P.E.

This term P.E. will be on **Mondays** for **Star class** and **Thursdays** for **Sun class**.

We will be developing our skills in a range of team sports, including handball, basketball and hockey. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate P.E. kit to school on their P.E. day, including footwear (trainers or plimsolls).



Home Learning

Homework will be handed out each Friday and is due in on the following Tuesday. Your child will receive:

- Weekly maths homework
- Daily reading to be recorded on reading sheets
- Additionally, year 5 will receive termly 'home learning' projects.