YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

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What We're Learning

Reading

This half term, our class novel is The Adventures of Odysseus, rewritten by Hugh Lupton and illustrated by Christina Balit. The children will delve into the world of the Odyssey, a classic Greek tale. In our themed lessons, we will continue to investigate a range of topics.

Writing

In English, we will reuse some of the skills we have started developing in our previous unit to retell some of the events from the Odyssey. We will focus on character descriptions, setting descriptions, action, without forgetting Show Not Tell to create suspence and drama.

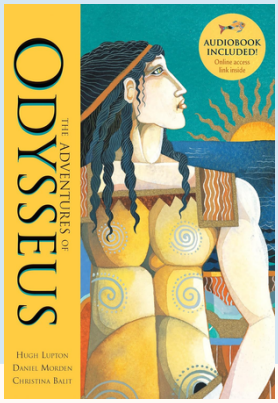
Maths

In Multiplication and Division, pupils identify factors, multiples, prime numbers, and practice multiplying or dividing by 10, 100, and 1,000. They will also master formal written methods to multiply up to 4-digit numbers and divide with remainders. In their first unit on Fractions, pupils learn to find equivalent fractions, compare fractions, and convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions.

Science

In the White Rose Science scheme, pupils will study the movement of the Earth, Sun, Moon, and other planets in our solar system. They will learn how the Earth's rotation creates day and night and why the Moon orbits the Earth. They will also explore how gravity pulls objects toward the Earth's center.

Class Novel



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History

In history, Year 5 will travel back in time to explore Ancient Greece. The children will discover what life was like in famous city-states like Athens and Sparta. They will also learn about the powerful Greek gods and look at how the Greeks created democracy and the Olympic Games.

Art and D&T

The children will continue to work on their puppets as part of the YPPT workshop. This half term will focus on creating the oufits for the puppets, selecting materials, sewing the costumes and assembling the puppets.

Computing

In computing, Year 5 pupils use Google Forms to create surveys for data handling, collecting information through different field types and data types. They then practice data cleaning to process their results and generate visual data visualisations for analysis.

French

Year 5 will use the Language Angels scheme to study 'La Date' and 'Au Café'. The children will learn how to read, write, and say calendar dates, including days of the week and months of the year. They will also practice ordering food and drinks in a simulated French café setting.

Don't miss this!

- **November 10th and 12th**
  Parents' consultations
- **December 9th**
  Theatre trip to Wicked
- **December 14th**
  Years 3/5 Christmas concert at FJS - Hall

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PSHE

In PSHE, Being Me in My World helps children understand their rights, responsibilities, and role in creating a democratic classroom community. Celebrating Difference teaches them to respect diverse cultures, challenge racism and stereotypes, and address bullying and exclusion effectively.

R.E

Our RE lessons will continue to learn about the main beliefs, teachings, and practices of Judaism. The children will explore how Jews worship and demonstrate belonging.

P.E

In Dance, Year 5 pupils choreograph, adapt, and perform fluid movement sequences using dynamics, canon, unison, and spatial formations.
In Netball, children refine key passing, dodging, and marking techniques to create space and make tactical decisions in small-sided games.

Music

Children will continue to learn songs from Charanga, while preparing for their Christmas concert in parallel.
They will develop their vocal technique by learning to control posture, breathing, and diction to project their voices with accurate pitch and expression across varied musical styles.

How can you show our ethos this term

1. Share your opinions in class reading discussions.
2. Try the tricky challenge work in lessons.
3. Keep going when a task feels hard.
4. Reach out to make a new friend.
5. Check in on classmates who seem upset.

Enrichment Opportunities







Websites to explore

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

White Rose INFINITY+

Spelling Shed