



Summer 2 Newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a wonderful half term and are ready for an action-packed Summer 2!

As a school we will be focusing on Keep Healthy:

Summer 2 2025

- Week 1 **Keep Healthy**
- Week 2 **National Bike week**
Class Pictures
Parents in Class
- Week 3 **Refugee Week**
Walk for Refugees
- Week 4 **Carbon Monoxide Monitoring**
Maths Week
Hackney Music Festival
- Week 5 **Hispanic Week**
Summer Fair
- Week 6 **Sports Week**
Sports Day, Year 6 Play
- Week 7 **Healthy Minds - change**
Year 6 Kench Hill, Transition Week

Individual Liberty
The protection of your rights and the rights of others.

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Refugee Week 24
I have the right to good quality health care, to clean water and good food

Hispanic Heritage Month

Our learning will be centred around **'The Ancient Greeks'** this half term.

Reading for Pleasure!

We have been looking at how we can enjoy reading, why we should read outside of lessons and what books we would like more of in our classes. Did you complete the reading challenge with your child? What books have they read? What did you learn about their reading and their interests?

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Reading

This half term we will be reading 'Greek Myths' by Marcia Williams as our class reader. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main ideas from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of information about the Ancient Greek beliefs, providing lots of information about the gods and goddesses.

Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:

- Retrieving information in the text
- Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words
- Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters
- Making comparisons within and across different texts
- Summarising the main events of a story

To support your child at home, please read with them every day. In year 5 we are also really focusing on our use of Reading Plus. Children can also access Reading Plus at home using the link below:

<https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/>

Writing

Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of 'The Ancient Greeks'. Using this learning, the children will write a comparative information text about the ancient and modern Olympic Games. In addition, we will write our own story based on the Greek myth 'Pandora's Box.'

During these units, the pupils will focus on the correct use of tenses, brackets for parenthesis (extra information) and including features to build suspense.

Please see the link below for further information linked to brackets for parenthesis.

[How to use parenthesis: dashes, brackets and commas - BBC Bitesize](#)

Please support your child's spelling at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings and complete spelling activities on Spellzone using the link below:

<https://www.spellzone.com/>

Their username and password can be found on the inside cover of their homework book.

Spelling

We are learning these spelling patterns this half term:

- Adding ir- to words beginning with r e.g. regular and **ir**regular
- Adding the suffix -ion e.g. confess and confession**ion**

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be covering:

Measurement- converting between different units of measure for length, mass and capacity. We will also learn how to convert between metric and imperial units.

Area, perimeter and volume- finding the area, perimeter and volume of regular and irregular shapes.

[Converting metric units - KS2 maths resources for Year 5 - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Area and volume - Year 5 Maths - BBC Bitesize](#)

History and Geography



In History, we will be learning about the Ancient Greeks and will explore the impact they had on modern life. The children will investigate the idea of democracy, Ancient Greek life, their gods and goddesses and the creation of the Olympic Games.

Campaign

Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep Healthy.' We will be learning about the Olympic values and the offer available at the Olympic Park. We will present our ideas on the Olympic Values to the school.



Science

Our Science topic this half term will focus on 'Reversible and Irreversible Changes.' We will explore the idea of dissolving and materials that are soluble and insoluble. We will also be learning about chemical reactions and mixtures and how to separate materials within mixtures. We will develop our scientific skills by planning investigations, drawing conclusions and evaluating the accuracy of our investigation and results.

The link below provides some useful information about the topic we will be studying:

[Reversible and irreversible changes – KS2 Science curriculum - BBC Bitesize](#)

ICT

Our topic this half term is 'Programming- Selection in Quizzes.' We will develop our understanding of how to use programming software to design, test and evaluate our own quizzes about Ancient Greece.

PSHE

This half term our PSHE unit is 'Changing Me.' During this topic, the children will consider their self-image and body-image and what influences this. We will explore how we change physically and emotionally as we grow, focusing particularly on puberty.

RE

Our focus religion this half term is Christianity. Our key question is 'What is the best way for a Christian to show commitment to God?' We will continue to learn about Christian religious practices and beliefs.

PE

PE lessons this half term will focus on rounders and cricket.

Class PE Day: **Wednesday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Wednesdays**.

Music

The children will be exploring Western classical guitar. The children will be developing their ability to create and write music and use musical vocabulary accurately. In addition, we will begin rehearsing for the Hackney Music Festival.

Spanish

In Spanish, our focus for this half term is 'Weather.' The children will learn how to use language linked to the weather forecast and what to do in certain weather conditions.

Art

This half term in art, the children will be creating Greek vases linked to their history topic.

DT

This half term in DT, the children will be focusing on structures. We will investigate the bridges on the Olympic Park and will use this to create our own.

Cooking

This half term we will be making Spanish salads in our cooking lessons. Year 5 will make a chickpea salad.

Forest School

This half term Year 5 will be visiting Forest School every Friday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has suitable clothes and shoes for these sessions.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd June Summer 2 term starts

Wednesday 4th June Year 5 British Museum Trip

Monday 9th June Class Pictures

Friday 13th June Year 5 Sharing Assembly 3.10pm

Friday 13th June 2.45-3.20pm Parent's in Class

Monday 16th June Refugee Week

Friday 20th June Walk for Refugees walk – Years 1 -6 11am

Monday 23rd June WAHM's clinician in school

Monday 23rd June Maths Week

Thursday 26th June Years 3 4 5 Hackney Music Festival pm

Monday 30th June Hispanic Week

Friday 4th July Summer Fair 3.30-6pm

Monday 7th July WAHM's Clinician in

Monday 7th July Sports Week

Wednesday 9th July Sports Day Years 1 -6 at The Marathon Community Track

Monday 14th July Transition Week

Friday 18th July end of Summer term, 2pm finish

Monday 21st July INSET day school closure

Tuesday 22nd July INSET day school closure

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

[Visit our website for dates, news and other information](#)

