

# Year 5 Autumn 1 Curriculum

Welcome to Year 5. The Year 5 team are all pleased to welcome both you and all of the children back. We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer holiday and that the children are refreshed, revitalised and ready to work. The Year 5 team have already been so impressed with their enthusiasm and behaviour during our first week back and the children are producing some excellent pieces of work! We have lots of exciting learning planned for this term and we are looking forward to starting the Year 5 journey!

## Year 5 Team

**Sea Otter:** Miss Fearn (Year Leader)

**Orca:** Mrs Mendez/Miss Vincent

**Malamute:** Miss Blake

## **Teaching Assistants:**

Mrs Netiatis, Mrs Wilkins, Mrs Richmond and Mrs Wright.

## Autumn 1 Curriculum –The Greeks/CSI Shirley

This half term the children will be travelling back in time to explore what life was like in Ancient Greece. We will be comparing the two main city states, Athens and Sparta, and using our debating skills will try to persuade others which city state is better. We will also be looking carefully at how the Greeks have impacted on today's society.

Science, literacy, art and indoor PE will all be included in our topic learning this half term. The children will be learning about Greek astronomy and space, writing their very own Greek myth, creating a dance to Theseus and the Minotaur and making their own Greek pot!

As well as The Greeks, the children will also become scientists and detectives in our second topic **CSI Shirley!** They will be looking at different reactions with substances and creating a police report on a crime committed at Shirley Junior School! We would like to invite all parents and carers to come and see the children's fantastic science learning on **20<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm in the hall.**

**Homework** – Each week the children will be set times table homework which will swap between **online** maths homework using Times Tables Rock Stars and a sheet of times tables. They are set on a **Wednesday** and are due back on a **Monday**.

**SPELLINGS** – Curriculum words have been sent home this week along with the spelling booklet. Please encourage the children to learn these spellings throughout the next few weeks ready for a test in the final week of the half term. A new set of spellings will be sent home after October half term.

**READING** – Children should be reading at home regularly and recording this in their planners. The planners will be checked by their teacher on their designated guided reading day.

**Parent Helpers** Do you have any spare time during school hours to help with reading or times table practice? The year 5 team would be extremely grateful to any family members willing to give up their free time to help the children. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you can help. You will need to complete a DBS check for this which can be done via the school office.

## PE

**Outdoor PE:** Tuesday (all classes)

**Indoor Games:** Wednesday (all classes)

The focus for outdoor PE this half term is Cross Country. The children will run a variety of distances, both individually and as part of a team.

During indoor PE the children will be creating a dance to showcase the story they are learning in literacy called Theseus and the Minotaur.

**PE Kit-** Please ensure that all children have a white coloured T- Shirt and black shorts; alternatively they may wear a plain coloured T-Shirt representing their house colour. It is crucial that children have a lightweight rain jacket and warm clothing as Thursday's lessons are outdoors. Long hair must always be tied up and all jewellery must be removed. If earrings cannot be removed then they must be taped.

## Key dates in year 5

### Autumn 1

**15.9.17-** MP to visit Year 5

**19.9.17-** Year 5 curriculum evening and meet the teacher (4:30pm-5:30pm)

**20.09.17** – School Photos

**26.9.17-** Greek dress up day outcome

**28.9.17-** CSI Shirley hook day

**06.10.17** – INSET Day

**20.10.17-** CSI outcome day- parents invited

**Week beginning 16.10.17** – spelling test

### Swimming

Swimming will start in Autumn 2 on Tuesday afternoons.

Orcas- 31<sup>st</sup> October - 5<sup>th</sup> December

Sea Otters- 19<sup>th</sup> December - 6<sup>th</sup> February

Malamutes- 20<sup>th</sup> February - 27<sup>th</sup> March

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We have a very exciting year planned and look forward to working with you and your children! Thank you for all of your support.

The Year 5 Team