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## **UKS2 Autumn Newsletter**

It has already been a busy few weeks since we welcomed everyone back after summer and I am delighted that we have had such a positive start to the year! Year 6 spent three fun-packed days at Robinwood last week and we are thrilled to be able to offer a one night stay to Year 5 this year at Kingswood. Have a fantastic time next week Year 5!

### **'It's All Greek to Me' How did the ancient Greeks Influence my Life?**

We start the year learning about the Ancient Greeks and thinking about the influences from that period of history we can still see today. We will be looking at their artistic and architectural achievements as well as some significant events such as the first Olympic Games.

### **Class texts**

The following texts will be used to support our learning this term.



### **Autumn 2**

Our topic after half term is science based. 'To infinity and beyond' is our main theme and our Big Question will be 'What's out there?'. Pupils will learn all about Earth and Space and day and night.




### **Supporting your child at home**

As you know, we don't set formal homework each week but we do ask that you support us with some learning at home. We feel that it is really important that the children get into good habits with home working as well as giving you an opportunity to see how they are progressing in different areas of the curriculum.

#### **Regular Reading.**

Your child should have a reading book that they bring home each day in their reading folder. We ask that the children or you make at least 3 entries into their reading records so that we can track how they are getting on. They can also go on Reading Plus at home.



<p><b>Regular Times Tables Practice</b> All of the children in Year 5 and 6 have taken the Multiplication Check at the end of Year 4 and everyone worked really hard towards it. In order to stay secure with times tables, we know that it is important to revisit them often. TT Rock Stars remains a fantastic way for them to practise.</p>	
<p><b>Learning Spellings</b> Each child should be set 10 spelling from the weekly spelling lists for Year 5 and 6 which will be given in the yellow spelling books which the children keep in their reading folders. You can practise them for the weekly test in any way that is helpful.</p>	
<p><b>Learning by Questions</b> Each child will have regular access to this learning platform via their Chromebook in school. They will use this to enhance their learning across the curriculum. It's an interactive resource that identifies progress the children are making and a fun learning tool too. Individual learning tasks will be set at various times throughout the term. If your child can complete these at home it would really help with their learning.</p>	

## PE Days

Please see the chart below for your child's PE days:

<b>5SH</b>	<b>Tuesday and Wednesday</b>
<b>5YT</b>	<b>Tuesday and Wednesday</b>
<b>5CD</b>	<b>Tuesday and Wednesday</b>
<b>6KG</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>6LS</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>

## Celebration Assemblies

We use our weekly assemblies to praise and celebrate the children's achievements in a variety of ways. Certificates are awarded to children who demonstrate the virtues of the school, do well at times tables and 'level up' in Reading Plus. It is also nice to celebrate children's achievements outside of school and we encourage children to tell us so we can also share it in assembly. We also use assemblies to remind children about the importance of good attendance.



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## How can I keep up to date with everything?

Please keep a look out for Marvellous Me notifications where we will continue to celebrate successes and notify you of any further updates. We look forward to welcoming you into school in November for Parents' Evening. Letters and updates will be emailed and the website is regularly updated too. We're all available for a quick chat in the playground after school should you need to catch us but we know many Year 5 and 6 parents do not regularly drop off or collect their children so please call or email the office to contact us with any queries or worries you/your child may have.

Thank you for your continued support and as ever, please do not hesitate to approach us with anything you need.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Sweeney (Year 5&6 Lead) and the UKS2 team.



Mrs Sweeney  
6LS



Mrs Gudgeon  
6KG



Mrs Douglas  
5CD



Mrs Thompson  
5YT



Mrs Hill  
5SH



Mr Bray  
5SH Tues  
6KG Wed

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