



5R Mrs Riseley -
Rundell class

Year 5 Newsletter - Term 3

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We hope the children and your families had a lovely Christmas break; we are so excited to begin another inspiring term of learning. We enjoyed a great term 2, with many children achieving their targets set at the beginning of the year. This term, we continue to make links with previous knowledge, growing increasingly more confident in our verbal responses and using relevant vocabulary across the varying subjects.

Humanities - History

During this term's History unit, the children will be studying 'What impact do the Ancient Greeks have on society today?'. We will be exploring Ancient Greek civilizations. This will involve learning about the Trojan War, Spartans and Athenians and even exploring the origins of The Olympic Games.

Maths

Term 3 the children will be focusing on the second units of multiplication and division: looking at short, formal written methods and fractions. This will prove extremely useful for learning in Year 6 and builds on prior learning of multiplying by 1-digit numbers. Please continue to support your child with their times tables knowledge.

Science

This unit 'Changes of materials' takes children through six lessons where we answer the question, 'Which materials are having the most impact on the environment?' and learn how to: describe how to recover a substance from a solution; demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes; and finally, they learn how to explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials and that this kind of change is not usually reversible.

Reading

Reading is at the heart of everything that we do here at Kingsnorth. We continue to support and monitor AR in class and expect children to be sharing their progress with you at home. That does not mean that they cannot read outside of that though! We encourage finding the material they like to read and look forward to hearing some of their recommendations. Please speak to us if you are concerned that your child is not enjoying reading or making the progress you'd expect as we have many of suggestions to support you.

Following on from our NFER assessments, we will be concentrating on comparison, inference and vocabulary type questions.

Dates for the diary:

- 16th January – Young Voices @ The O2
- 25th January – 5R Class Assembly
- 5th February – Open Classrooms
- 6th February – Safer Internet Day

As usual, if you have any questions or queries, please ask any of the Year 5 staff team and we will be very pleased to help you. Our email address is:

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English

With links to our topic of Ancient Greeks, we will be exploring Odysseus as our latest text. As the children discover this exciting mythical tale, we will be continuing to develop their vocabulary, their understanding of common themes within texts, and use this to create their own myth examples. Later in the term, we will explore news reporting and will be using more-formalised language, to report on events from Odysseus' tale.

Religious Education

The children will begin to make connections and discuss the question 'How can following God bring freedom and justice?' They will do this through a variety of independent and group activities, growing in both skill and knowledge. The unit covers slavery in Egypt and the idea of 'rescue' and how Christians apply this to living today.

Physical Education

Our 'PE Day' is on a Thursday. As per previous communication, children are now required to bring their PE kits in to change into on the day. Girls and boys will change in separate rooms. Their PE kit can be kept at school in a drawstring bag. Our block week, which is Tag Rugby, starts on 3/12/24 and then is followed by Swimming at the Stour Centre. Please bring correct swimming attire.