



# Curriculum Newsletter

## Autumn 2023

### Year 5

#### Mathematics

The focus this term is...

Number and place value  
Addition and Subtraction  
Multiplication and division

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn Term in Year 5!

The topic for the whole of the term is Ancient Greece and climate change. We will be linking our English and Reading to this as much as possible. We will be looking at the mythology, the architecture, the battles, the location and considering the impact this ancient civilisation still has on society today.

#### Help from Home

As part of our topic, it would be useful for your child to read books about: The Ancient Greeks and climate change.

You could visit:

Ipswich Museum, Fitzwilliam Museum and British Museum.



#### English

Our text in Destination Reader this term is Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan. We have a two week writing cycle. This term we will be writing an encyclopaedia entry on a mythical beast, a fantasy narrative and a persuasive speech. SPAG will cover formal writing, relative clauses, commas and adverbial phrases, brackets, dashes and modal verbs.



#### Science

The focus this term is...

Properties and the Changes in Materials

This will include reactions, heating and cooling, separating materials, dissolving, filtering and sorting materials.

#### Wider Curriculum

The focus this term is The Ancient Greeks. In Geography, we will be focusing on the effects of climate change on the world, which links back to our work in the Summer Term of Year 4. In History, we focus on the Trojan Horse.

#### Useful Information

- Homework will be set on Google Classroom each Friday during term time, and must be completed by the following Wednesday. This will usually consist of a reading or SPAG task, a Maths activity and 10 spellings to learn. There is also the expectation that pupils will read at least four times weekly (recording relevant information in their diaries) and continue to revise their times tables.
- PE will be taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Pupils will be expected to come to school in their PE kit on those days.
- Please keep in touch with the Year 5 team using the following e mail: [Year5@cedarspark.net](mailto:Year5@cedarspark.net). We will check this regularly but advise that urgent matters are communicated via the School Office.