



Upper Keystage 2 Curriculum letter - Autumn 2023

This term we will be working really hard, we will be focussing on the core subjects through the theme of Ancient Greece

History/Geography

We are going to be stepping back into the past and discovering the lives and beliefs of the Ancient Greek civilisation. We will be studying how the geography of the area had an influence on their lives and technological, architectural and political developments that occurred during that time.

Art/ DT

We will be investigating different types of typography and how it can be used in graphic design.

Through the theme of Ancient Greece, we will look at the Archimedes screw and how it was used to develop farming in the region. We will be creating our own Archimedes screws to better understand how they worked.

Science

Our work will be focussed on forces including the effects of gravity; air and water resistance friction; pushes and pulls and magnetism.

Literacy

Our main reading text this term is "Who let the gods out?" by Maz Evans. Much of our writing work will be based on this book.

Through our writing we will develop our punctuation skills, focussing on the use of semi-colons and colons. We will look at how conjunctions can help us create more interesting sentences and how adverbs can also add to the complexity of our writing.

We will continue to develop our reading skills through our daily VIPERS sessions which aim to improve our Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval and Summary skills.

Numeracy

Year 5 – Place value within 1,000,000; Addition and subtraction to 4 digit numbers; graphs and tables and how to interpret them; multiplying and dividing whole numbers by 10, 100, 1000; Calculating area and perimeter.

Year 6 – Place value to 10,000,000, Using the four operations to solve word problems and dividing 4 digit numbers by a 2 digit number (long division); Recognising prime numbers to 100; Simplifying fractions; Adding and subtracting fractions; using coordinates in the first quadrant.

PE

We will be developing our football skills and developing a range of gymnastic skills including travelling, jumping and different types of rolling.

PSHE

Managing risk, including staying safe online and the behaviours around the use of legal drugs (tobacco, alcohol).

Music

Our focus this term will be pulse and rhythm and studying a variety of composer and famous musicians.

Many kind regards, Mr Elson