

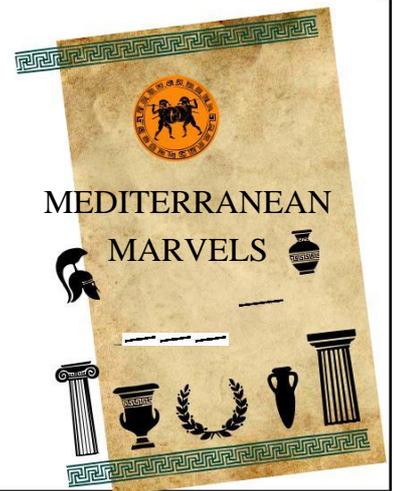
Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2019

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I hope that you have had a relaxing and peaceful Christmas and I wish you all the very best for 2019! The following information is a guideline to what Year 6 children will be covering in each of the subjects throughout this term. Our class theme for the Spring Term is 'Mediterranean Marvels' through which children will explore geography, culture, history and mythology of Greece and other Mediterranean countries.

Mrs Kirby and I would like to thank you for the Christmas cards and presents we received; it was very kind and very much appreciated. The children have already made a great start to the year and I'm looking forward to the term ahead.



MATHS

We will continue to work on mental skills and strategies daily. We will explore lots of different areas of MATHS that include:

- Calculating with decimals
- Calculating with percentages
- Understanding algebra
- Time problems
- Area and volume
- Ratio and proportion



Each of the children now has a maths revision book which we have asked that they work from each week. The children have a sheet which they can use to keep a record of their progress so that we are able to further support them in school. Any support you can offer at home with this will be greatly appreciated. As well as this, specific target activities will be added to DoodleMaths to give tailored revision to your child. The children will have their times table test each Tuesday and have the feedback on this each Wednesday.

ENGLISH

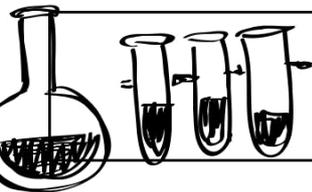
READING. Throughout the spring term, Year 6 will explore a range of texts, both fiction and non-fiction. This will include narrative writing, persuasive writing and poetry. Please encourage your child to read on a regular basis at home as this will support development in reading, writing, spelling and vocabulary skills.



WRITING. We look at a variety of text types beginning with narrative with our 'overcoming the monster' story. We will also develop skills in non-fiction writing including information texts and persuasive writing. Throughout the term we will also develop our poetry skills.

SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR. This will continue to be taught as part of English lessons as well as in discrete lessons. In spelling, we will continue to secure basic spelling patterns as well as mastering the spelling of more complex words. Regular reading at home is an excellent way to develop all of these skills.

As with maths, the children have an English revision book to work from. We ask that they mainly focus on the reading and SPaG aspects of the revision book and, again as with maths, use the sheet provided to keep a record of their progress.



SCIENCE - Children will build on their knowledge and understanding of different systems within the body. They will research the parts and functions of the circulatory system focusing on how nutrients are transported around the human body. The children will also explore how a healthy lifestyle supports the body to function well.



GEOGRAPHY - Through our class study of Mediterranean Marvels, the children will be learning about the geography of Greece and other Mediterranean countries. There will be a focus on physical and human features of the different landscapes such as mountains and islands.



HISTORY - Through our study of the culture, language, clothing, food, entertainment and democracy of Ancient Greece, the children will develop historical skills; particularly recognising change over periods of time. The children will also have an Ancient Greek Home Learning Project this term (more details to follow shortly).

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY/ART - As well as experimenting with mosaic design in Art, we will be designing and refining a Greek menu, including baking our own flatbreads.



PE - PE will continue on Wednesday mornings. Please ensure that indoor and outdoor kits are in school and that girls with long hair have it tied back and have earrings removed for these lessons. Themes for PE this term will be gymnastics and athletics.

MUSIC - This term's music will link in with the Mediterranean Marvels theme. The children will get the chance to listen to and evaluate music from different parts of the world.



In **PSHE** we will be focusing on sustainability of the environment with a focus on wildlife and countryside conservation.

HOME LEARNING

As well as weekly work in revision books, the children should continue daily practice of times tables, DoodleMaths and spellings as well as reading as much as possible to ensure that they continue to develop these crucial skills. New spellings are given out each Friday, checked on Wednesdays and tested on Fridays. There will be a home learning task linked to this term's theme - more details to follow.

If you have any concerns or questions throughout this term, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mrs Kirby in person or by email. kball@ridge.dudley.sch.uk

Thank you as always for your continued support,

Miss Ball

