

Curriculum News – Year 5

Autumn 1: History - The Ancient Greeks

English

Class read: Kensuke's Kingdom

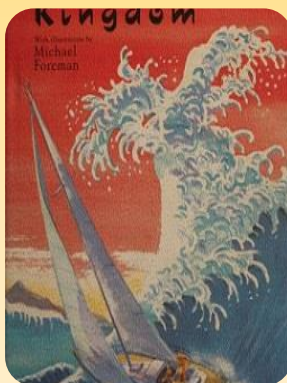
Persuasive letter: Children will learn how to write a persuasive letter and the features that are required for effective persuasion. Formality, effective arguments and appropriate vocabulary will be explored.

Character and setting description:

In the second unit of the half term, the children will be focusing on character and setting description. They will build upon and consolidate prior learning. There is a focus on sentence structure and cohesion in this unit.

Reading

Using the text *Kensuke's Kingdom*, the children will focus on key reading skills such as visualisation, retrieval, inference and prediction. The reading work will be closely linked to the writing with the two supporting each other.



History

Focus: Achievements of Early Civilizations: The Ancient Greeks

Children will learn who the Ancient Greeks were, the cultures of Sparta and Athens, Ancient Greek beliefs, how the Greeks are linked to the Olympic Games, the invention of Government and how the Ancient Greeks changed how we think today.

(Please see History knowledge organiser for essential knowledge and vocabulary to be learnt.)



Design Technology

Focus: Culture and Seasonality: Greek Food.

The children will sample, evaluate and prepare their own Greek food. They will use a variety of food preparation techniques, ensuring that good hygiene standards are kept.



PE

Focus: Tennis

Children will develop their tennis skills practising a range of new shots. This unit will also focus on developing a range of skills in a competitive context. The children will choose and use a range of simple tactics in isolation and game situations.

PE lessons will be on Wednesday and Thursdays.



Maths

Key Facts: The children will be looking at the KIRF (key instant recall fact) of knowing all the decimals that total 1 or 10 (1 decimal place).

Number and Place Value: Children will recap their knowledge of place value and rounding. We will also look at comparing and ordering numbers, numbers to a million, powers of ten, Roman Numerals and counting in a variety of multiples.

Addition and Subtraction: Children will be using formal methods to add and subtract numbers with more than four digits, rounding to estimate and approximate, use inverse operations, and complete multi-step addition and subtraction problems.

(Please see our Calculation Progression document on our website for Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division strategies.)

	Thousands (Th)	Hundreds (H)	Tens (T)
Value of 1 =	10,000		
Value of 3 =	3,000		
Value of 5 =		500	
Value of 4 =		40	
Value of 8 =			8

Science

Biology Focus: Living things- Life Cycles

Children will learn about the life cycles of different plants and animals and be able to describe the differences between them. Children will learn about sexual and asexual reproduction and how these differ.

Working Scientifically: Children will know how to make systematic and careful observations in addition to classifying information to answer a scientific question.

(Please see Science Knowledge Organiser for essential knowledge and vocabulary to be learnt.)



RE

Focus: What does it mean for a muslim to follow God?

Children will be learning about the Islamic faith in RE. Children will learn about Muslim beliefs, how Muslims put their beliefs into practice and will consider some of the similarities and differences between Muslims and Christians.



PSHE

In this unit, the children will focus on friendships. They will learn to recognise what constitutes a positive and healthy friendship and develop the skills to form and maintain positive and healthy friendships.



Music

Ukulele 2. Children will build on their prior knowledge and begin reading ukulele tab.

