



Year 6 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 2 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic start it has been to year 6. Thank you for beginning the year with such positivity, enthusiasm and engagement. This half term, our topic has a history focus and we will be studying the Ancient Greeks. The half term will include a workshop on the Ancient Greeks and a day to dress up! Keep an eye out for more information later in the term.

In the past, many parents have requested links to the topic where they can support their child in the learning going on in school. These are purely **optional**.

	Curriculum covered this half-term	Optional suggestions for home-learning
English	<p>Spelling: Year 5 and 6 statutory words Year-6-Spelling-List-Spring-2019.pdf (berrymede.com)</p> <p>Writing: Planning and editing skills Myths and Legends Non-Chronological reports</p> <p>Grammar: Ellipses Colons and semi-colons Parenthesis Punctuation for dialogue</p> <p>Reading: Retrieving vocabulary Inferring Prediction Summary</p> <p>Handwriting: To continue to work on joins and formation to write fluently.</p>	<p>Our main text for this half term is 'The Adventures of Odysseus' The link below is for the audio book version if the children would like to listen to it at home. Any books, graphic novels or information that the children can read about Greek myths, legends and the Odyssey will really support their learning this half term. The Adventures of Odysseus: Audio (barefootbooks.com)</p> <p>In addition to our myths and legends focus this half term, please continue to read and listen to a wide variety of genres, authors and texts.</p> <p>Many parents raised the issue of finding the right books to support each child. http://www.lovereadingschools.co.uk This website provides you with many ideas and book reviews. You may look through this with your child.</p> <p>Alternatives are to visit the local library, where the librarian is very helpful, or Muswell Hill Children's Bookshop who have a deep knowledge of current books.</p> <p>Please continue to use Edshed to practice spellings each week: Spelling Shed - Spelling Shed - Spelling game for school and home</p>
Maths	<p>Recap on previous learning and setting the groundwork for SATs learning: Fractions Geometry</p> <p>Children should be fluent in all their times tables so please rehearse at home.</p>	<p>White Rose Maths - videos These will match what we are covering in class and give your child a chance to consolidate their learning at home. Maths home learning Home learning White Rose Maths (whiteroseeducation.com)</p> <p>Please consolidate times table knowledge: Times Tables Rock Stars: Play (trockstars.com)</p>
Science	<p>Light</p>	<p>BBC KS2 Bitesize Light - KS2 Science - BBC Bitesize Home Optics for Kids (optics4kids.org) Terrific Scientific - Light - BBC Teach</p>
Computing	<p>Computing systems and networks</p>	<p>http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/ Tetherdown School - E-Safety</p>



	Online-safety	
PE	Tag Rugby Gymnastics	
RE	Christianity – beliefs and practises around Christmas	
PSHE/	Dreams and Goals	Zones of Regulation - This is a whole school approach to enable children to regulate their emotions and be ready for learning
History	Ancient Greeks: Using and comparing sources to make informed decisions about the Ancient Greeks Comparing Ancient Greece to present day. Considering the impact that Ancient Greece has had on modern day	Visit the British Museum where you can learn a lot about life in Ancient Greece from primary sources. There are lots of fantastic novels about Greek Myths, it would be great if your children could read some! Percy Jackson is a great place to start. Linking to music, you could listen to these Ancient Greece themed songs on the BBC: KS2 Music: Heroes of Troy - BBC Teach
Music	Sing Up: Hey Mr Miller Learning the song Hey Mr Miller by Glenn Miller	
DT	Food Technology: We will be making pitta bread and hummus as part of our Ancient Greek Day and we will also be making burritos during another week!	
Mandarin	Countries and cities	

P.E sessions are on Tuesdays and Fridays for both classes. Your child should come to school on these days in appropriate sportswear. No jewellery, including watches, may be worn during P.E. and long hair must be tied back. They should also have a light raincoat, as some lessons will take place outside irrespective of the weather.

Home Learning is set on a Thursday and will just be on Teams. It should be returned the following week on Tuesday using Microsoft Teams. Finally, please ensure that your child brings in a labelled water bottle and takes it home at the end of the day. Snacks should be fresh fruit or vegetables.

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to email admin@tetherdownschool.org who will pass on your message to the relevant teacher.

Thank you for your support.

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Year 6 Class Teachers