

## Year 5 Newsletter Summer 1

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic week off and didn't eat too many Easter eggs. Before you find out about this term's learning opportunities, we would once again like to thank all of you for your support with the play. It truly was a fantastic event!

The sunshine is here (sort of) and we are into our summer terms. Summer 1 is our shortest term of the year but is full, as always, with fantastic new areas for our children to explore.

Mr Watkins (Maple Class) and Mr McGrath (Oak Class)

### LITERACY

Our book this term is 'Who Let the Gods Out?' by author Maz Evans. This book fits perfectly with our Ancient Greece topic and is a mythical story set in the current day. A young boy Elliot and constellation Virgo set on an adventure to capture prisoner 42 - the prisoner that they let free. Will the unlikely pair be able to solve their mistake or will prisoner 42 finally overthrow king of the gods, Zeus? We will also be looking at some traditional myths and legends from Ancient Greece, looking at the gods, heroes and villains.

We will be using these stories to create our own magnificent myths. We will create our own characters and bring them to life in our stories. As well as this, we will be continuing to focus on our handwriting skills and perfecting our joins so that we have fantastic presentation in all of our books.

**Key Vocabulary:**

Myth  
Legend  
Villain  
God  
Demi-god  
Hero

### Mathematics

Throughout Year 5 the children are going to be working on a number of objectives linked to the following strands:

- Number and place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Fractions and decimals
- Measurement
- Geometry (Shape and space)
- Statistics (data handling)

During this term we will be looking at using decimals before looking at shape and measure. We will be using our knowledge of fractions from last term to help us to further our understanding of decimals. Then using these decimals in calculations and to solve problems.

We will also be looking at shape, looking at their properties. Linking shape to our Ancient Greece topic we will be making regular and irregular patterns to recreate some of the Greek mosaics.

**Key Vocabulary**

Area    perimeter    decimal place  
Decimal point    edges    vertices



### SCIENCE

In Science this term we will be looking at forces. Some of the brightest minds of Ancient Greece were the first to experiment using forces and we will recreate some of their experiments. We are going to be looking at how forces work together and against each other and what affect they have on objects.



**Key Vocabulary**

Push Pull Gravity  
Air resistance  
Friction



## Other Curriculum Areas

**PE** - During this term we will be learning and developing our rounders skills.

**PSHE** - We will be focusing on the four core values of the Academy and what they mean to us. These are Honesty, Empathy, Respect and Responsibility as well as other aspects such as healthy eating.

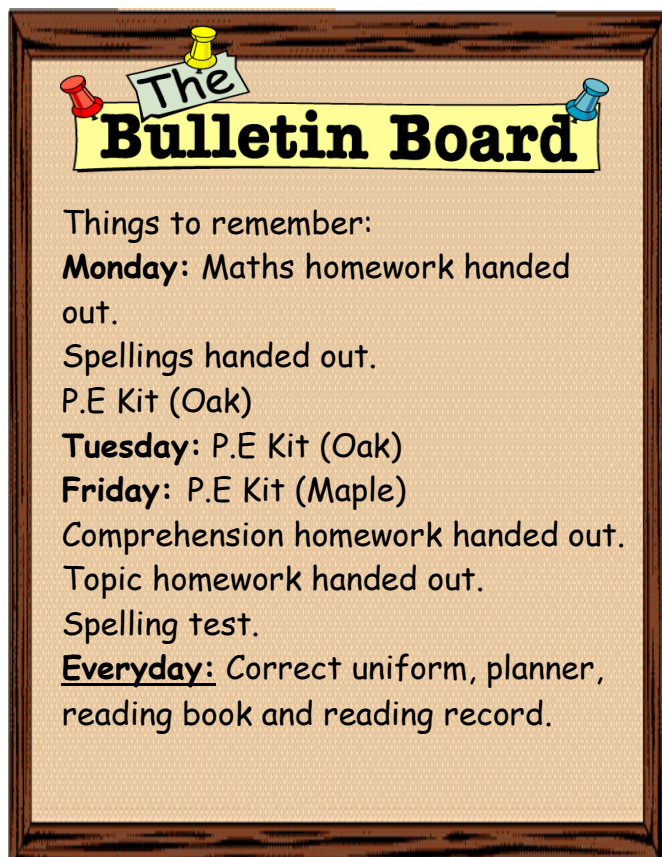
**R.E** - We will be looking at the five pillars of Islam and the dedication needed to follow them.

**History** - We are going to look at the Ancient Greeks - read our topic overview to find out more.

**Geography** - We will be looking at how the Greeks built their Empire across Europe and Asia, then compare this with the current geographical climate.

**Music**- Year 5 will continuing learning different songs during the singing assembly every week as well as using CHARANGA.

**DT** - We are going to be asking the children to try and make their own Greek temple.



### The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:

**Monday:** Maths homework handed out.  
Spellings handed out.  
P.E Kit (Oak)

**Tuesday:** P.E Kit (Oak)

**Friday:** P.E Kit (Maple)  
Comprehension homework handed out.  
Topic homework handed out.  
Spelling test.

**Everyday:** Correct uniform, planner, reading book and reading record.



### IMPORTANT DATES

Maple visit to Jodrell Bank - 21 May

Oak visit to Jodrell Bank - 22 May

Year 5 and 6 Sports Day - 24 May

If anything else is arranged, you will be informed via email, text or letter.

Maths - <http://uk.mathletics.com/>

<https://ttrockstars.com/login>

English - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

E-Safety - [https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/)





# The Groovy Greeks

