

## Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter 2

### Welcome

Welcome back to year 5, we're so excited to be back learning with you. As Historical detectives, we will continue working on developing our knowledge and understanding of the Ancient Greeks! Pupils will decorate Greek pots they made out of clay, investigate interesting facts and explore evidence.

We are continuing our wonderful Science focus on Earth and Space and will take part in some investigations to explore our understanding. Currently, we have been discussing why we can often see the moon in the day time - see if your child can tell you how this connects to the Earth's axis.

### Planners

We have made promising progress in Year 5 with the pupils' use of their planners, so a big 'thank you' to all of those families who have been supporting this at home also.

A gentle reminder: the school expectation is that pupils will read independently for 10 minutes, or more, each school day. Over a weekend, the pupils have the flexibility to choose whether they complete this read on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday and fill this in on the 'Weekend' recording space for each week. Pupils are to write about what they read within their planners themselves with their adult signing to confirm this. Planners are checked each morning in school and pupils may be quizzed about their responses to what they read.

### Homework

Homework for all Year 5 pupils will continue to be set using ClassDojo and Google Classroom. More information about the weekly tasks, and the expectations of homework in Year 5, can be found in the front of the school planners. It is important that children complete all of their homework tasks each week in order to support their learning.

In each weekly page of the Planner, you will find a checklist for pupils to complete for each finished homework task. All of the tasks set will support pupils' consolidation, learning and mastery of subjects and skills.

Depending on the type of activity set, support sheets may sometimes be available for pupils to access on Google Classroom should they need additional support. Details for accessing both ClassDojo and Google Classroom can be found in the planners.



## Reading

As we finish reading our first Whole Class Reading text 'Danny Champion of the World', pupils are excited to discover their next text!

Our next Whole Class Reading text will be:

Who Let The Gods Out? by Maz Evans



You may wish to undertake some research into Maz Evans, finding out which other books she has written and the theme across her books. She is a very different author compared to Roald Dahl and, as we have read ahead to plan for this new text, we are confident that pupils will be provided with many giggles!

## PE

Year 5 PE days are:

Tuesday and Thursday

Pupils will need to come to school dressed in their full Rivers PE kit which consists of a plain white PE top, plain black shorts (or plain black bottoms depending on the weather) and suitable footwear. The pupils will then stay dressed in these for the whole day and so should wear their Rivers jumper/cardigan on top. As the weather becomes cooler, you may wish to add an additional base layer - beneath clothes - to their PE kit (eg a vest).

