



# Year 5 Newsletter

## Autumn 2 2019

This half term our topic is 'Achievements and Legacies'.

### Topic

This half term, we will continue to look at Achievements and Legacies over time. We have already explored the Stone Age and ancient Egyptian time periods and how their achievements and legacies have affected modern Britain. Children will get the chance to research and investigate historical sources and present this work in their floor books. We will begin by investigating the ancient Greeks.

### English

We will begin the half term by reading and performing poetry. We will continue reading our class novel 'Secrets of a Sun King' that links to our history topic. We will be writing a diary entry and a non-chronological report.

### Mathematics

Our focus in this half term is going to be on using mathematical knowledge to reason and problem solve effectively.

We will be continuing to practise our basic arithmetic skills.

Any extra practise of times tables facts at home helps a lot! Times Table Rock Stars can be used at home to help this.

### Renaissance Reading

Children will be encouraged to read at home as often as possible. We hope you will comment in your child's Reading Record book when they have read to you at home. A certificate and book will be awarded when the children achieve 50 Renaissance Reading points.

### Science

In science, the children will be conducting a range of exciting investigations to explore different materials. Children will use an enquiry-based approach to learn all about the different properties of each material. We will be investigating the different states of matter and the changes involved with each state.

### PE

In PE, year 5 will be looking at ball game skills. We will focus on basketball and learn the rules of the game. They will use the skills they learned last half term from their netball lessons and apply them to basketball, as they are similar sports. They will revise their passing, attacking and defending skills and learn how to shoot and dribble effectively.

### Homework

This half term, children will be given spellings and times tables to revise. They will then be tested. We appreciate your continued support, thank you.