

KIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 5 NEWSLETTER 2021



YEAR SIX

April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to welcome you to the start of our fifth term. We are really excited for the term ahead.

Our Topic

Term 5: The Greeks

This term we will be learning about The Ancient Greeks, including: Greek mythology and the influence of the Gods and Goddesses, everyday life for a Greek and Greek architecture.

Maths and English

In maths lessons, children will be learning about: fractions, formal written methods, measure and statistics as well as different forms of problem solving.

It would really support your child if they were confident with their times tables. This would help them in all areas of maths. This term your child needs to learn the: corresponding division facts for the times tables up to 12 x 12; multiplication and division problems involving multiples of 10; and multiplication and division problems involving multiples of 100.

In English, we will be learning about: explanation texts, non-chronological reports, stories and newspaper reports. In order to support your child, you could look at the different examples of explanation texts that are available and read some of the famous Greek myths, such as Theseus and the Minotaur and Jason and the Argonauts.

The spellings that your child will be learning this term can be accessed through our school website; it would be really useful if you could help your child to learn these spellings.

Please encourage your child to read at home every day and ask them questions about what they are reading at every opportunity. We aim to change books regularly.

Your child may bring a water bottle to school. Please ensure the bottle is clearly named and only contains water.

PE

Our PE day is on Friday. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit. For outdoor games, the children need plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt, a plain sweatshirt and trainers. For indoor PE, the children need plain black/navy shorts, a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. Every item needs to be clearly labelled and in a bag that will remain in school every day. Kits will be taken home to be washed at the end of each term. No items should be taken home during the term.

Homework

Homework is set on a Thursday and will continue to support your child's education. It will include weekly maths and English activities as well as reading, some spelling investigations and multiplication facts. If there are ever any problems about the homework, please come and see us as soon as possible.

Important dates

3.5.21 Bank Holiday – School Closed
17.5.21 – 21.5.21 Sponsored Walk Week
25.05.21 Class Photos
28.5.21 Last Day of Term 5
7.6.21 First Day of Term 6
15.7.21 Y5 and Y6 Sports Afternoon
19.7.21 Y6 Production 5pm
20.7.21 Y6 Fish and Chip Lunch
20.7.21 Reports Sent Home
22.7.21 Last day of Term 6
1.9.21 First day of Term 1

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Yours sincerely

Miss Wilkinson, Ms Houghton, Miss Roberts and Mr Stanfield
Year Six Class Teachers

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING THIS TERM:

Key things that parents can do to support their child this term related to things they will be learning about:

- Read some of the famous Greek myths, which can be accessed by following this link:
<https://greekmyths4kids.com/>
- Design your own Greek pot using the template provided below.
- Why not create your own mosaic, using the images below as inspiration?
- How about making some traditional Greek bread? See the delicious recipe below.
- Learn all about the Greek Gods and Goddesses:
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/greece/greek-gods/>

Greek Mosaics



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Ancient Greek pottery

The Ancient Greeks were famous for making pottery. The best pottery was made in Athens. Greek potters were only allowed to use two colours- black and orange. They used these colours to decorate their pots with great battles, huge feasts or their favourite gods.

Have a look at some of the pots on this page. Can you design your own? Remember you can only use black and orange pencils.



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Ancient Greek Pelanos Bread

Demeter was the goddess who taught humanity the art of making bread. After fasting, in commemoration of Demeter's fasting while searching for her abducted daughter, Persephone, the participants of the Lesser Eleusinian Mysteries ate pelanos, a wheat and barley bread.

Cuisine	Ancient Greek
Prep Time	5 minutes
Cook Time	50 minutes
Passive Time	4 hours
Servings	1 loaf

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup flour whole wheat
- 2 tablespoons flour barley
- 1/2 teaspoon yeast instant
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup water warm
- 4 tablespoons flour extra for dusting



INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a bowl, stir together with a spatula the flour, the yeast and the salt and add the warm water. Keep stirring together with the spatula until all of the flour is moistened.
2. Tip the sticky dough onto a floured surface and knead it until the dough becomes smooth, 2-3 minutes. When kneading, always sprinkle some whole wheat flour on your surface and your hands so that the dough does not stick. Transfer the dough ball into a floured bowl and cover the bowl with plastic wrap. Let rest at warm room temperature for 3 hours until doubled in size.
3. Tip the dough onto a floured surface, flour your hands as well as the dough and fold the dough over 2-3 times (maximum 10 times if the dough is too sticky) softly with no added pressure. Line a loaf pan with parchment paper and dust it with extra flour. Place the dough ball to prove for a further hour until doubled in size.
4. Preheat the oven to 230°C or 450F. Place a baking dish filled with hot water on the bottom of the oven. Steam is crucial to making a crusty loaf of bread. **Ask an adult to help you with this step.**
5. Bake for 20 minutes. Remove the baking dish filled with water.
6. Bake at 220°C for another 30 minutes until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack.