

Year 5 Autumn 2

History: Our focus is Greeks, and our enquiry centres around the story of the Trojan horse and whether it is fact, legend or myth. The children will look at some of the evidence behind the story and consider other possible explanations for its origins.



Science: Children will develop their knowledge of the Earth's (and other planets') place in the solar system. They will learn about time differences around the world. They are also introduced to the International Date Line and the Greenwich Meridian. When working scientifically, children will use models for exploring and demonstrating ideas and make first-hand observations at night either in their gardens or local area.



French: French will be taught by the class teacher or teaching assistant. The children will be learning words and phrases associated with space, to link with our space topic.

Music: The children will be developing their Christmas performance skills as we approach the festive season!

PE: 5EH will continue their swimming lessons until Friday 17th November, then 5JM will start their swimming lessons on 24th November. 5EH will do indoor PE on Tuesday mornings, and both classes will have outdoor PE on Wednesday afternoons. Please make sure that your child comes to school in their full Curledge Street PE kit on those days.

English: Having finished our poetry unit, we will be writing a narrative story text focusing on description and dialogue. In the second part of this half term we will be changing our text type to an instruction text and writing about how to survive in space. In reading, our class story is *The Jamie Drake Equation* by Christopher Edge. We will be collecting new vocabulary and carrying out daily reading activities based on this book. Spellings will continue to follow the ReadWriteInc spelling programme.

Computing: In this unit, we will use physical computing to explore the concept of selection in programming through the use of a microcontroller, and learn how to connect and program components

PSHE: The focus is on health and wellbeing and includes learning about protecting ourselves in the sun, understanding the relationship between stress and relaxation, the importance of good quality sleep, planning healthy meals and taking responsibility for our own feelings.

R.E: Our R.E learning will be focused on Christianity and we will be looking at why Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah. We will be thinking about the 'big ideas' in the Bible and how Jesus fits in to these.

Art: Exploring the purpose and impact of images from the 'Space race' era of the 1950s and 60s; developing independence and decision-making using open-ended and experimental processes; combining drawing and collagraph printmaking to create a futuristic image.;

Maths: We will continue developing calculation strategies with a focus on multiplication and division, and will explore these operations using larger numbers. Following this we will move on to fractions. Daily times table practice will start with the 8 times table. Homework will continue to be set weekly on MyMaths.