

# 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.



**Computing:** We will be learning about what a system is in computing, and how computer systems are used in our everyday lives.

**Science:** Children will develop their knowledge of the Earth's (and other planets') place in the solar system. 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. They will also learn about how ideas about solar system have changed over time.



**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**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.

**PE:** Both classes will have PE on Monday and Friday afternoons. During Monday lessons with their class teacher, the pupils will be exploring counter balance and counter tension. During the Friday lessons the pupils will practice hockey. Please make sure that your child comes to school in their full Curledge Street PE kit on those days.

**English:** We will finish writing our narrative story text focusing on description and dialogue, before moving on to poetry for a short unit. 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. Spelling groups will continue.

**Maths:** We will continue developing calculation strategies starting with addition and subtraction and moving on to multiplication and division, and will explore these operations using larger numbers. Following this we will move on to fractions. Homework will continue to be set weekly on MyMaths.