



Year 5/6

Spring 2018 (1st half)

WELCOME BACK!

Our new topic for this coming half-term is:

Myths & Monsters!

We will be basing our learning on the history and geography of Ancient Greece, exploring the lives of soldiers at this time. After reading some myths, we will write our own exciting adventure including characters such as Zeus, Perseus, Medusa and our own mythical creations!

Our class text will be *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*. This is also a film which we will watch parts of to make comparisons.

WEEKLY HOMEWORK

Homework will not be set on specific days but rather as follow-up to work completed in class to practice and extend their learning. However, weekly expectations are:

- 10 minutes each night reading their reading book, a newspaper, a magazine or Kindle;
- 10 minutes on spellings, 3 times per week;
- 5 minutes each night on mental maths: Learn Its - times tables up to 12 x 12 for multiplication and division as well as number bonds to 20 and 100;
and, when appropriate,
- research as part of our topic.

Please encourage your child to set time aside on an evening to complete these short tasks – knowing spellings and times tables makes such a huge difference to their classwork.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We are very lucky to have Kevin Dawson into Y5/6 every Tuesday morning to teach rugby skills. Obviously, this term is a rather chilly one so children will need to remember outdoor kit (lots of layers!), spare socks and a carrier bag for muddy shoes.



THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Monday:** Homework books due in.
- Tuesday:** Drumming with Jools
Outdoor PE with Kevin Dawson
- Wednesday:** 3-minute challenge
Swimming (Y6)
P.E. (Y5)
- Thursday:**
- Friday:** Big Maths

Children should always have their reading records with them.

WATER BOTTLES

Children are encouraged to drink water regularly throughout the day and should have a named water bottle in school. This will be sent home on a Friday for cleaning and should be brought back on Monday.