

Class 5

The Bliss Charity School



Term 4



Dear families,

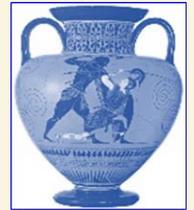
I hope you all had a good break over half term. Here's hoping spring arrives soon!

Our topic until Easter is Ancient Greece and we have a lot to squeeze in as we travel back in time, exploring what their lives were like and learning about their mythology. It's set to be another excellent term!

Miss Thompson and Mrs. Jenkinson



Term 4 Topic: *Ancient Greece*



Linking their learning back to our 'Earth, Sun and Moon' topic, the children will be studying the life of those living in Ancient Greece – not just the privileged philosophers though, but also the slaves, children and ordinary people. Children will be gathering evidence from primary and secondary historical sources, comparing and contrasting daily life in Ancient Greece to their own and asking how the Ancient Greeks changed the world and the way we think.

Children will be placing significant events on timelines, mapping the Empire and gaining an understanding of the Ancient Greeks' perspectives on science, philosophy, agriculture, trade, governance, sport, maths and the arts.

After our World Book Day text, literacy lessons will focus on Greek mythology, reading and identifying the key features of the ancient tales. Children will then plan and write their own myths with their very own mythological monsters and heroes/heroines, using ideas from their reading to make their stories sound authentically Ancient Greek.

In art, children will explore the design and creation of Ancient Greek pottery using their findings to create their own design out of glazed and fired clay.

Our topic will culminate in a Greek Day where children will explore Pythagoras' famous theorem, create a healthy Greek feast and hopefully learn some basic Greek!

Other Subjects...

We will be having a real focus on science alongside our topic learning this term – children will be learning all about forces. They will be continuing to develop their investigative skills alongside their knowledge of friction, water resistance and air resistance. DT will link to science this term – children will be creating their own simple toys using levers and linkages.

In RE, we will be continuing with Sikhism. We are looking at the key Sikh values of praying, giving and working, as well as learning about the Amrit-Sikh initiation ceremony and the significance of the Khanda symbol.

French sessions continue to take place on Wednesday mornings – children are extending their vocabulary and sentence building skills both orally and in writing.

In PE, we will be finishing off our 'Real Gym' units before moving on to 'Real Dance'. Swimming continues on Friday afternoon and optional lunchtime runs will also continue for those wishing to take part.

Helping your child at home ...

Our 'Spelling Bee' will continue to take place every Monday – the new lists should have come home with children in their homework folders before half term but are also available on the class page of the website along with the Year 5/6 statutory spellings, which also play a part in the weekly bee:

<https://www.bliss.northants.sch.uk/index.php/pupils/class-5>. Please keep practising!

Children are doing brilliantly with their reading at home – reading records are taken in on Mondays. Whatever the reading ability of your child, listening to them read aloud regularly is still a really useful thing to do.

Children's progress with times tables has also been very impressive – the goal is now for everyone to complete the torture tables in under 2 minutes!

Learning Log homework has also been fantastic – this will continue to be set on a fortnightly basis with grammar and maths work given in between. Wednesday is the deadline for all homework.

Class 5 information ...

Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day – children are invited to come dressed as a character from a book. Work from our whole school shared text 'Flotsam' will be on display at parents' evenings later in the term.

In the last week of term, we will be having an Ancient Greek Day – date to be decided but children are invited to come dressed as Ancient Greeks!

Please feel free to share any concerns you or your child may have – just contact the office to organise a telephone conversation.