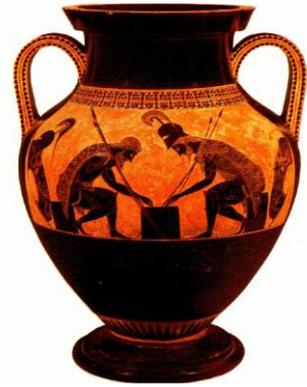


Spring Term 2019

Teme Class -Miss Glover



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a relaxing and peaceful Christmas, ready for the exciting start to our Spring term. Here is a brief outline of some of the things we will be learning about this term - as always we are going to be very busy!

Literacy and Topic

The children and I are continuing our learning journey through ancient times with Ancient Greeks this term. In literacy, we will be first focusing on the myths and legends from this period, in particular those from Aesop's Tales. We will also be learning about the Gods which they worshipped and why; finding out where the Olympics were first held; the introduction of Marathons and understanding of Greek democracy. In Geography we will be learning map work, reading maps to 4 digit grid references.

Maths

We will be progressing with our skills in place value knowledge and learning more formal techniques for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division including our mental recall strategies. We will be concentrating on fractions and decimals, as well as negative numbers. Co-ordinates is another area which we will be focusing on using horizontal and vertical axis, which will be linked to our Geography work.

The 'Friday Frog Maths Club' will still continue and I am amazed and delighted to see how much the children are enjoying and embracing working hard to leap to their next lily pad! The children are also working very hard on their times table challenges and with success, so well done for all that extra practise they are having at home and once again - practise, practise makes perfect! They are expected to answer the mixed up times table they are practising within 1 minute. The children know which times table they are being challenged with and it is better for them to focus on one at time, to really embed those important life-long facts.

Science

In Science this term we will be looking at teeth and digestion, exploring the simple functions of the digestive system in humans and comparing teeth of carnivores and herbivores in animals. In addition, we will be studying sound, identifying that sounds are made when something vibrates and using a range of musical instruments learning how to make louder, softer, higher or lower sounds.

P.E.

Every Monday, Teme class will be attending swimming lessons at the Hereford pool, once again please ensure your child has their swimming kit brought into school every Monday, this should also include a swimming hat for children with shoulder-length hair. Our P.E. sessions this term will be held on Friday where we will be focusing on balance, gymnastics and developing our core strength. However, although most of these lessons will take place in the school hall, please ensure your child has suitable warm PE kit in school also for use on the school field.

Music/Art and Design

The children will continue to learn playing the clarinet with Pete from Hereford Music Services, as these lessons will take part on Thursday mornings, can you please ensure your child has their clarinet at school in readiness. In art and design we will be using our history topic this term to make and design Greek pottery using natural earth colours and tones.

Spellings will be given every Monday to be tested on Friday. Please encourage your child to learn these at home. Homework will be given out on a Monday to be handed in by Friday. Reading is still going to be focused on heavily this term and regular practise at home really helps your child to improve. I am asking each child to read five times a week, in their own time. I would be most grateful for your help and encouragement with this. Well done to all those children (and encouragement from the parents) who completed their Christmas reading challenge, the book reviews were a delight to read and inspired some reluctant readers to try some new books and authors!

Many thanks, as always, for all your support. Please feel free to pop in to discuss any matters or concerns you may have at any time or just to check on your child's progress.

Miss Glover