

## Maths

As you may be aware, we have SATs week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May. The weeks leading up to this are focussed on revision of all areas covered through the maths curriculum. We are not focussing on one particular topic for any length of time. During the two days when Y6 are doing practice SATs papers, the Y5 children will have their maths lessons separately.

**How you can help:**

**Y5 – Ensure your child is completing homework tasks and practising their times tables.**

**Y6 – Ensure your child is working through the revision pack they have been given to support them.**

## Computing

Pupils will have a number of opportunities to improve their general computer skills this term, for example by using Powerpoint to present their learning in other subject areas. The children will also revisit and extend their computer programming skills which they began to develop in the Autumn term.

## PSHE

Year 6 children will continue with the Drugs Education programme which the whole class started last half term with the Year 5 element.

Year 5s will look at issues around communication – especially based around ICT and how problems stem from the inability to read accurately the thoughts and intentions of someone else via technology.

## French

Children will be consolidating their previous learning this year and will apply their language in some art work. I also hope that following a recent visit by some members of the local French twinning association, the children will be able to write letters to pupils in France using their new language skills.

## History/ Geography

We are being transported to Ancient Greece as our topic this half term! The class have been split in to two groups – the Athenians and the Spartans. Over the course of the topic they will research what life was like as an Athenian/Spartan male and female. Alongside this research they will be looking at language and how we already speak quite a bit of Greek each day! We will compare and contrast what school was like for the children of Ancient Greece and for children today. There are many legacies the Ancient Greeks have left us and we will find out about some of these. Leading up to the learning about the battle between Athens and Sparta, we will learn about warfare during this period.

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## Ancient Greeks

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## Science

Throughout this half term we will be looking at how to classify organisms using a branching database. Looking in more detail, we will explore how to classify organisms that have similar characteristics. Using this knowledge we will also apply it to distinguishing between different plant types. We will look at how micro-organisms are grouped. Carl Linnaeus' classification system will be explored and used during this process. And then finally, using our learning from this topic, we will explore our local environment and classify the plants and animals which appear around our school and the Abbey.

## Music

Using the "Charanga" music resource, we will be focussing on Rap this term. We will learn 'stop' – a rap about bullying by Joanna Mangona. We will learn how a rap is put together musically and the instruments involved. We will then create our own rhyme and set it to music in a rap style.

## Literacy

As a whole class we will be looking at dragons. The children will write an information text about dragons around the world, they will write a myth about dragons and they will also compose and learn to recite poems about dragons.

During the days when Y6 are doing their practice SATs papers, the Y5 children will have their literacy lessons separately. During these sessions the children will learn about Aesop fables and write a short biography about Aesop and create their own fable.

**How you can help:**

**Read every night with your child, practise spellings and ensure your child is completing their homework tasks.**

## RE

In RE this term we will be considering the importance of Easter and the symbolism associated with this. Next, pupils will look at Pentecost and the importance of this festival. We will also be studying Hinduism and Sikhism and learning more about these other world religions.

## Art/ DT

Using designs found on Ancient Greek pottery, we will make our own clay pots and decorate them with Ancient Greek warfare symbols, patterns and pictures.

## PE

We are going to be experiencing New-Age Curling this half term – a good excuse to sweep the school hall! We will also be doing Outdoor Education which will see us going over to use the education centre at the Abbey and the surrounding areas.