

## Literacy

In Literacy, we will be focusing on Doctor Frankenstein and Frankenstein's monster. We will be writing a descriptive piece of writing about Frankenstein's monster's appearance and personality. The skills this term will involve apostrophes to show possession, this will help when the children refer to Frankenstein's monster's appearance and personality. We will also be looking at similes and how we can change them into hyphenated sentences.

## Maths

In Maths, we will be continuing to focus on multiplication and division, recapping the written methods of short multiplication and short division. We will also be looking at factors and multiples and focus on lowest and highest common multiples and factors. Towards the end of the term, we will be focusing on fractions and how we convert fractions into decimal numbers.

## Art

We are going to research the work of Katsushika Hokusai, who created the wood block print of 'The Great Wave of Kanagawa'. We will create colour pallets to colour match and experiment with brush techniques and use acrylic paint to create texture within the painting.

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## PE

This term we will be focusing on health and fitness. Children will learn from a variety of lessons: how their body reacts to exercise, how exercise can contribute to a healthy active lifestyle and from looking at their bodies, they will understand how their anatomy works (muscles and body areas).

## Science

We will be looking at materials and their properties. We will compare and group everyday materials on the basis of their properties and learn which materials: dissolve, evaporate or are soluble.

## PSHE

In PSHE, we will be continuing with using jigsaw, this term we will be looking further into 'anti-bullying', where we will be looking at the differences between direct and indirect bullying and the impact that this has on people.

## History

This term we will be focusing on Ancient Greece. Children will understand and learn about: where democracy began, their gods and mythology, Sparta, Alexandra the great and Trojan horse. Children will gain knowledge about Ancient Greece and be able to talk about what they have learnt.

## Geography

We will be using maps and globes to locate different countries and continents affected by natural disasters. We will also use Google Earth images to locate the Ring of Fire and learn about physical geography, such as: the different types of natural disasters and what causes them.

# Y5 Spring 1 Newsletter

## Important dates for your diary:

- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Ancient Greece Day  
(Children can come dressed up in their Roman costume)
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February – staff training day
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February – school closes for half term
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Class 12's parent conversation day
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Class 11's parent conversation day

## Spellings

Spelling techniques are taught within lessons. Children will be sent home with a list of words on a Monday. There will then be a dictation test on the Friday. Please encourage your child to practice their spellings each week!

PE

Class 11's PE will be on a **Friday morning**.  
Class 12's PE will be on a **Monday morning**.

Appropriate kits are expected to be in school on these days as both are important and enjoyable parts of the curriculum.  
**REMINDER:** Children's P.E. kits should consist of blue or black shorts, a white t-shirt and trainers or pumps.

