

## Year 6 Spring 1 Newsletter 2024

Welcome to the Spring Term!

We are so pleased to have the children back – we hope you have enjoyed the Christmas holidays! We have lots of exciting things planned for the coming weeks and wanted to update you on a few things you may need to know.

Thinking back to the Autumn Term, we all really enjoyed the visit from Al Sylvester MBE who gave an inspiring talk which focussed on resilience and consolidated our Shackleton English topic.

Looking forward to this term, we will again be welcoming back Ben – from the Treehouse Theatre Company, who will run our Play-in-a-Day Ancient Greeks workshop. This is always a fun day, when we all dress up as Ancient Greeks (details and costume ideas will be sent nearer the time).

We look forward to seeing you all at the Spring Term Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 5th March and Thursday 7th March 2024.

**Reading** – Reading for pleasure is the key to reading success so reading any story to your child will be of huge benefit to them. Any books they enjoy will help to engage them and ignite their love of books and reading. Please continue to enjoy books with your child even if they are a confident reader. We will be focusing on an increasing range of reading skills in Year 6 including: reading fluency, using inference and deduction to answer comprehension questions about the text.

Please complete their reading record once you've heard them read or read with them. We would like them to read 4 times a week where possible. They will then receive a raffle ticket to go into a weekly draw to win a book from our new vending machine.

Reading records to be handed in and checked every Friday.

### Contact Details:

If at any point, you would like to speak to any of us, please email us directly.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Term starts

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Dr M - Practical Heart Dissection

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Ancient Greece Play-in-a-Day Workshop

12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term

5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March – Spring Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Service (Church of the Good Shepherd)

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Spring Term finishes at 3:15pm

### Reminders:

#### PE Days – Tuesday and Thursday

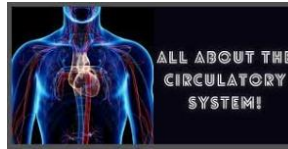
Children to come in full PE Kit.

- White School Logo Polo shirt
- Plain navy-blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms
- Plain navy-blue sweatshirt/hoodie
- Trainers (not school shoes)

**Internet Safety** - Please make sure that what your child is accessing online is age-appropriate. Be aware of age restrictions for social network accounts and control what they are posting online and messaging apps.

## History

In History, the children will learn about Ancient Greece – a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world, such as democracy, sports and the Olympics and theatre.

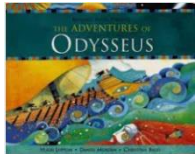


## Science

In Science, we will identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

## English

To link in with our history topic this half term, we will be reading The Adventures of Odysseus. The children will be writing their own re-tell of the Cyclops and Song of the Sirens story, after which they will write a recount based on other adventures in the book.



## PSHE

Rights and Respect:  
Understanding media bias, including social media.  
The importance of communities and the environment.  
Earning and saving money.  
Understanding democracy.

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## RE

In RE, the children will explore the principal beliefs and practices of Hinduism. We will be looking at what helps Hindus worship, including key deities and avatars of Hinduism and their place in worship,

## Art

In Art and Design the children will study eyes in art, producing observational drawings of humans and dragons' eyes. They will then create dragon's eye paperweights using textures and colour with modelling clay.



## Maths

Our learning in Maths will revise and build on their understanding of:

Properties of 2D shapes  
3D shape nets  
Converting units  
Area Perimeter Volume  
Statistics  
Reasoning and Problem-solving questions

## PE

Hockey – playing as a team; passing, intercepting and shooting.

Gym – we will be building skills on the basic gymnastic shapes: balances and developing partner sequences.

## Computing

This term, the children will be learning coding – creating games using sequence, selection and repetition in Scratch including decomposition of tasks, creating sprites.

## Music

In this unit we learn about the Kodaly Method and use it to explore rhythmic patterns.

## Spanish

The children will learn how to describe their leisure activities and their daily routines, including telling the time.