
Year 6 Spring 1 Newsletter 2026

Welcome to the Spring Term!

We are delighted to have the children back and hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas break. We have lots of exciting activities planned for the coming weeks and wanted to share a few key updates.

Ancient Greeks Workshop – Thursday 11th February 2026

We are very much looking forward to our Ancient Greeks workshop. This is always a fantastic day where children (and staff!) dress up as Ancient Greeks. Further details and costume ideas will be sent home closer to the time. The workshop brings our history learning to life and really enriches the children's understanding of this topic.

Science Session with Dr M

We are also excited to welcome back Dr M, who will be leading a fascinating hands-on science session involving the dissection of lambs' hearts. This memorable activity helps pupils explore heart anatomy and understand how it relates to the circulatory system.

Spring Term Parents' Evenings

We look forward to seeing you at Parents' Evening on **Tuesday 3rd February** and **Thursday 5th February 2026**.

Contact Details:

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

Mrs Brockway – Aspen Class: e.brockway@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5th January – Term starts

26th January – INSET DAY

3RD & 5TH February – Parents' Evenings

11th February – Ancient Greeks Workshop

Half Term – 16th-20th February

23rd February – Young Voices Choir to O2

24th February – Dr M Hearts Workshop

27th March – End of Spring Term

30th March – 10th April – Easter Holidays

Reminders:

PE Days – Mondays and Wednesdays –
Aspen Class and Laurel Class

PE Days – Mondays and Thursdays
Holly Class

Children to come in full PE Kit listed below:

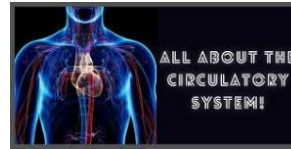
- White School Logo Polo shirt
- Plain navy-blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms
- Plain navy-blue sweatshirt/hoodie
- Trainers

Water bottles and lunch boxes must be named.

Internet Safety – Please ensure that you are aware of what your child is accessing online and that it is age appropriate. Be aware of the age restrictions for social media accounts and control what they are posting on 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.

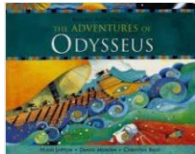


Science

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.



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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,

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.

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.



Music

We will be exploring the music and composers of the Baroque Period and investigating the structural and stylistic features of their work

Spanish

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