

Year 5 and 6 News - September 2021

This term's topic: The ancient Greeks

The children will study the achievements of the ancient Greeks and their influence on the Western world - including language, art, philosophy and theatre. We will compare the ancient city states of Sparta and Athens using sources to find out about the past and look at the system of government and democracy. The topic will also cover how empires expand and fall, with a particular study on Alexander the Great.

Homework

Spellings:

These will be set in class each Tuesday. There will be a spelling test the following Monday. Spellings have been sent home for the term. There is an expectation that children will have spent time learning them.

Times tables:

Children will need to be fluent in all of their times tables to x12 in Years 5 and 6. If they have internet access they need to use the TT RockStars online platform.

Year 5 & 6 Team

Miss Tilling - Hawks

Mrs Gurupatham - Eagles

Miss Steele - Falcons

Reading

It is so important that your child reads at home at least 5 times a week. This should be an enjoyable part of their day where they can relax and enjoy some quiet time and a bit of escapism.

Children will have a book that they choose at school to take home. Any reading done at home is then recorded in their reading record books.

The reading record book should be brought into school each day with the child's reading book. Each Friday the number of reads will be counted in the reading record book. This information is used for the 'Donut Stop Reading' school competition which has been set up to encourage reading across the school. There will also be a class winner each week who has shown that they read consistently at home.

PE

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on Monday and Thursday. We are learning ancient Greek inspired dance on the Monday and cross country running on Thursday.

Class email:

We are not using HASP books at the moment. Here are the class email addresses should you need to communicate with your child's teacher.

Hawks@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk

Falcons@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk

Eagles@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk

The children have already made a fantastic start to the new school year! We are really looking forward to working together this year. A warm welcome to everyone from the Year 5 and 6 team!

