

Welcome to Term 1

We hope you all had an amazing half term. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back for an exciting term 2!

In term 2, we will be reading the book How to Live Forever by Colin Thompson and this will form the basis of our reading and writing lessons. We will be re-capping a few year 4 skills as well as covering new Year 5 content, continuing to develop sentence structure, tense and coherence. The children are developing their stamina for writing and continued practice of writing will help the children to produce high quality outcomes.



Our book this term is How to Live Forever by Colin Thompson. Your child is welcome to bring a copy of the book to help them in their learning.

In maths this term, we will be looking at addition and subtraction, working up to using 6-digit numbers as well as numbers with decimal places. We will then turn our focus to multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. This will build on the place value knowledge the children have been learning in term 1.

In computing our focus is information technology. In this, the children will be creating a movie using iMovie about the Ancient Greeks. This will incorporate embedding video, pictures, and voice recordings. The children will research, plan and create their videos giving them their first glimpse of video production. In Online Safety, the focus will be on online bullying, teaching the children how to spot this and what they can do if they ever experience this or know someone that is experiencing it. This will include: reporting concerns, how to get help, blocking people and knowing helpline services.

Our science learning this term will focus on materials and their properties. Within this topic, the children will learn about grouping materials and learn how materials can move between different states (E.g. liquid to a gas). Our History topic this term will be the Ancient Greeks. We will be learning about life in the ancient civilisation, comparing it to life in other places at the time and also life today.

We will also be offering our broad and balanced curriculum, with Art, RE, Personal Development and Music.

In term 2, we will have PE on a Monday. Please can children come to school wearing their full PE kit on this day. There is no need to bring a change of clothes. We ask that you please provide them with jogging bottoms in case the weather is wet or cold. We will be learning about rhythmic gymnastics, building on prior learning in Year 3. In addition to this, children will have a daily 15 minute physical activity session – they will not need PE kit for this.

Homework will be taken home on a Friday and needs to be returned the following Wednesday please. All children **must** also read 5 times per week which needs recording in their reading records. We appreciate your support with this.

A final quick note to say that 5JM will have ongoing support in term 2 from Mrs Hire and Mrs Stringer while a TA replacement is found.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term with you all!

Mr Medd and Miss Mercier

<u>Meet the Team</u> Please email the class teacher if there is anything you wish to discuss. <u>Class 5M</u> Miss Mercier (Teacher) & Ms Sangekar (TA) <u>Class 5W</u>

Mr Medd (Teacher) & Miss Ellis (1:1 TA)

