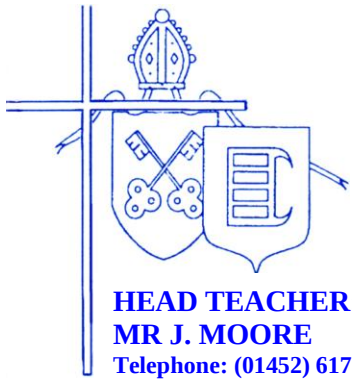




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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break. I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome you and your child to Year 5. The children have settled back in to the new school year brilliantly. I hope that this will continue to be an enjoyable and productive year, providing the children with many new exciting experiences.

Our theme this term is 'Eureka', where the children will explore the locality and physical features of Greece. As Historians, the children will consider the achievements of the Ancient Greeks and their influence on the western world such as the Olympics and democracy. Using the differences between life in Athens and Sparta, the children will develop their understanding of types of ruling and form their own views of which is better. Through our English texts, the children will find out about the myths and legends of Ancient Greece, Ancient Greek Gods and the Trojan War.

In English, we will be focusing on a variety of genres, using different texts as support – this will include writing narratives based on Greek Myths, reports, diaries, persuasive writing and explanation poetry. As part of our daily English lessons, we will have a spelling, punctuation or grammar focus. Reading will continue to be a key focus and we will be immersing ourselves in our class text, 'Who Let the Gods Out' by Maz Evans.

Our Maths this term will focus on developing children's understanding of place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations and fractions. As a class, we will begin to undertake an exciting initiative called 'Mastering Number'. This will take place in addition to the main Maths lesson and focus on children developing increased fluency, a deeper understanding and how to effectively apply their multiplication and division facts.

In Science, we will be learning about electricity and light. In our electricity unit, we will be exploring circuits and conducting scientific enquiries and in our unit on light, the children will understand how we see things and how light behaves.

In RE, we will be exploring 'What influence does believing in the Trinity have on Christian worldviews?' and 'How does Hajj show what matters to Muslims in Britain?'. We will also be focusing on the values of Respect and Generosity. Please encourage your children to talk about these values and how they can demonstrate them in everyday life.



This year, children will have two PE sessions a week. Our outdoor PE lessons will be on a Monday afternoon and our indoor PE lessons will be on a Thursday. These will begin week commencing 21st September. The children will continue to come to school dressed in their PE kits. Children should wear their school PE top, navy or black tracksuit (hoodie and tracksuit bottoms) and trainers. Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled.

To support learning outside of school, we will send home reading records where the children can record their three reads throughout the week. This can be reading independently or reading to an adult. The children can write in what they have read and we ask that parents kindly initial it. As a celebration of achieving their three reads, they will be entered into a raffle each week for the opportunity to win a new book to add to our class selection of reading books. In addition to reading each week, we will continue to send home spellings in the children's spelling books that they started in Year 4. The lists inside are completely personalised to each child's spelling needs, so any support with practising at home would be greatly appreciated. Once children have mastered their current list, a new one will be sent home every 1–2 weeks. Please could these be returned on Thursdays, along with their reading records. Occasionally, there will be Maths work set for homework to consolidate our class learning too.

Our lovely learning partner will be Mrs Corley who will be supporting the class every morning. Mrs Gisby will be covering my PPA on Tuesday afternoons, teaching RE and Music.

Please can I remind you that KS2 pupils need to bring their own snacks into school for morning break, especially as it can seem a very long time before they have their lunch. Their snack should be healthy, for example, fresh fruit or raisins only, no nuts (due to allergies) and a bottle of water, no juice or squash.

We are looking forward to a successful year with Year 5. Please keep an eye out for reminders on Class Dojo, as well as celebrations of the wonderful work the children produce. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or worries, or if you are interested in helping in class in any way.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Best wishes,
Mrs Bennett
Year 5 Class Teacher