

Stow Heath Primary School

Year 5 Spring Term

Our Topic is - 'The Ancient Greeks'



In History we will be learning about the Ancient Greeks. We will be researching Greek warfare and the differences between Athens and Sparta. We will also discover the beliefs of the Ancient Greeks and their everyday lives.



In DT, we will be researching Greek patterns. We will then use various joining techniques for fabrics in order to create our Greek inspired patterned cushion covers or pencil cases.

In Science we are investigating Materials and changes to their properties. We will be grouping materials, investigating soluble materials, saturation and reversible and irreversible changes. We will experiment with how materials react under extreme temperature changes such as burning and freezing.

Literacy

- Throughout the half term the children will be reading a variety of genres including argument texts, poems, persuasive texts and Greek myth.
- They will be learning new grammar concepts and applying their knowledge in their writing.
- Children will become confident writers by using different sentence structures and various conjunctions within their work.
- Children who show significant improvements in their writing will be rewarded by being allowed to write in pen.

Numeracy



During this half term the children will be focusing on the following topics –

- Fractions – finding equivalent fractions as well as adding and subtracting them.
- We will be recognising mixed number fractions and converting from one form to another.
- We will be multiplying proper fractions.
- Measurement- we will be converting measures, such as mm to cm, KM to M, Kg to g as well as estimating capacity.
- We will approximate equivalences between metric units and imperial measures.

Reminders

PE – 5B and 5S – Tuesday

- **PE kit:** White T-shirt, black shorts and black pumps in a bag with all items named.
- Children are encouraged to bring a separate water bottle to be kept in the classroom that contains only water. As part of the **food standards** parents **should not** send flavoured water or squash.
- Any monies sent into school should be in an envelope or money bag, clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Please send in homework for Friday and help your children to learn their spellings for a test every Friday.

Key Dates for this half term

Parents evening: Wednesday 31st January 2018

19th February – 23rd February 2018: Half term

Inset Day : 29th March 2018 (School closed)