

KEY VOCABULARY

Athens	The capital city of Greece.
philosophy	The study of knowledge, truth and human existence.
acropolis	A fortified part of an Ancient Greek city, often built on a hill.
hoplite	A well-armed ancient Greek foot soldier.
democracy	A form of government in which the people have a say in how the state or country is ruled.
archaeologist	Someone who studies the remains of past societies.
Naturalist	An expert in or student of natural history.
Metamorphosis	A biological process by which an animal physically develops after birth or hatching, where there is an abrupt change in the animal's body structure.
Amphibian	A cold blooded vertebrate animal which includes frogs, toads and salamanders.
Reptile	A vertebrate animal that is classed by having dry scaly skin and typically laying soft shelled eggs on land. Includes snakes, lizards, crocodiles, tortoises and turtles.
Vertebrates	Animals that have a backbone inside of the body.
Infant	A baby or young child.
Adolescent	A young person in the process of developing from a child into an adult.

SUMMER 2 2024

Welcome back to what is a very busy, final half term in Year 5.

PE will take place on Fridays, where we will be doing striking games and Outdoor Adventurous Activities. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their Sherwood PE t-shirt, shorts and trainers. They can also wear their school tracksuit, if we have any cooler days, but need shorts in school if needed.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate in speaking to Mr Stanton or Mrs Holt before or after school.

KEY KNOWLEDGE

This term the children will be following the following topics:

Science – In our Science lessons, we will be completing our work on life cycles by looking at the human life cycle.

History – In History we will be covering the Ancient Greeks, including work on daily life, gods and goddesses, the Olympics and the birth of philosophy and democracy.

RE – our key question for Year 5 is 'Where can we find guidance about how to live our lives', and our topic this term is 'Judaism'.

We are also looking forward to our Year 5 and 6 show – 'Zoom'.

THIS HALF TERM WE ARE READING

During this half term, our creative juices will be flowing as we study the Lewis Carroll poem, Jabberwocky. We will be writing our own stories and creating our own creatures!

Each day, we will set aside time to read a new text that links to our Global learning theme of sustainability. The book is an adventure story by Ele Fountain called 'Melt' and follows the story of a young boy in the Arctic.

Please could you encourage your child to read each evening? The children still need to read to an adult to help with comprehension skills but can also read independently to broaden their vocabulary. Each time they read, **please note progress in their homework diaries.**

SPELLING FOCUS

It is nearly time for the Sherwood Spelling Bee! The children have the Year 5 statutory words in the back of their home school diaries to practise and we will also be working on these in class.

The children use various techniques to learn the spellings; understanding the spelling rule, researching meaning of the word, finding synonyms and antonyms of the word etc.

They can also practise using spelling pyramids, missing vowels, chunking, mnemonics and look, cover, write, check.

KEY MATHS SKILLS

This half term, the children will be developing their skills in the following maths units:

- Multiplication
- Division
- Fractions
- Percentages
- Statistics
- Measurement