

# Year 5 Newsletter

Summer 1



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Welcome back to the summer term! We hope you all had a fun and restful Easter break and ate lots of chocolate!

We're looking forward to all our new summer learning and some sunshine hopefully!

Just another reminder that your child is able to bring in a healthy snack for break time (e.g. fruit and cereal bars) to tide them over until lunchtime.

If you have any problems or worries please contact us:

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## PE Day:

All children will need to wear their PE kit in to school on **Thursdays**.

As the weather starts to warm up (finger's crossed!) please make sure your child has suitable clothes in school to ensure they are cool.

## Diary Dates

Monday 5th May — BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 19th May — Greek day  
(separate letter to follow)

**Newsletter challenge:** Together with your child, read through and have a go at the tasks on this newsletter and tick the boxes when you have completed them.

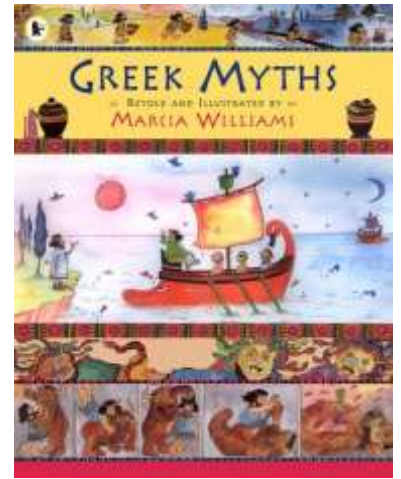
## Science

This half term, we are learning about life cycles and habitats. We will be focusing on a couple of key scientists who are specialists in this field and producing a non-chronological report about them and their lives. Have a think about the animals that live in your local area. How many different habitats do you think there are?



# English

In English this half term, we will be looking at some very exciting Greek myths, including the story of Theseus and the Minotaur! We will continue to work on our descriptive language, grammar and punctuation. We will be writing our own character descriptions of Ancient Greek legends and later on writing our own Ancient Greek myth!



Can you retell an Ancient Greek myth to an adult at home? See if you can include powerful language in your descriptions to make it interesting!

## In RE

Hinduism

**Theme:** Beliefs and Moral Values

**Key question:** Do beliefs in Karma, Samsara and Moksha help Hindus lead good lives?

## Computing

In this unit, we will decompose a problem into smaller parts to design an algorithm for a specific outcome and use this to write a program, refine a procedure using repeat commands to improve a program and use sequence, selection and repetition within



Can you describe the purpose of a Crumble kit?

## Maths

In Math, we will be learning fractions of measurement (this will include conversion from pints to litres). We will also be learning how to solve word problems with a real life context.

We will also be learning about 3D shapes and their properties. This will involve exploring nets, calculating volume and conducting investigations.

How many 3D shapes can you spot in your home?

## Home Learning

We are continuing to encourage children to work on their times table facts using TT Rock stars and spelling the 3/4 and 5/6 spelling lists.

We would love your support in helping us to actively encourage your child to continue to develop a love of reading by reading at home throughout the week.