

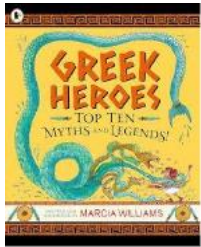
Summer Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to the last term of Year 5. We have already had the most amazing Autumn and Spring terms, and the children have grown so much. We know that the upcoming term is going to be just as fabulous with lots of wonderful learning opportunities ahead of us. It has been lovely to see how well all the children have settled and how well they come into school each day, ready for learning. We are all very excited for this term.

English



This term in English we are reading *Greek Heroes*, which contains multiple myths and legends about the Greek Gods. We will read about Perseus, Bellerophon, Atalanta, Achilles and Jason. The text will be the stimulus for our creative writing, where the children will then write a discussion piece. This unit will give the children the chance to use their argumentative side to create a discussion about if the Greek Gods are real or fake.

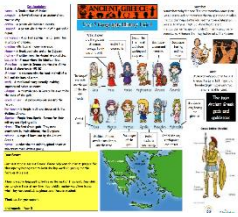
In our Reading sessions, we will be reading *The Odyssey* by Geraldine McCaughrean which is about the hero Odysseus trying to return home after the Trojan War. On his journey, he faces many dangers, including monsters, storms, and tricky Gods who slow him down. Meanwhile, his wife Penelope and son Telemachus wait for him and deal with people trying to take his place. In the end, Odysseus finally makes it home by using his bravery and clever thinking.

The children's library day will be on a Thursday so could you please make sure they are reading at home and bring in their book to be changed each week.

Maths

Throughout this half term, the children will be exploring Geometry where children will learn about different angles, how to be measuring angles, the investigation of angles on a line/point and drawing angles, before moving onto using angles as a descriptor for common shapes. The half term ends with children solving problems involving angles and investigating angles inside regular polygons.

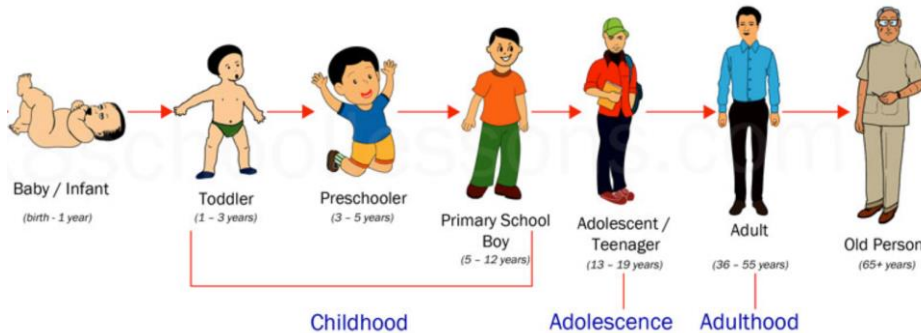
The children will also explore the measurement of mass, temperature, time and length. Children will learn how to convert units of length from millimetres to centimetres and from centimetres to metres. They quickly move on to converting metres to kilometres before looking at converting imperial measures to metric measures. The children will explore converting units of mass in the same manner, finishing with imperial and metric conversions. They will also study units of time in days, weeks, months and years, then in seconds, minutes and hours.



Curriculum Theme - This term we will be focusing on the Ancient Greeks. We will discover how Ancient Greece was one country divided into separate states, which were quite different. At the end of this theme the children will be able to discuss some of the influences Ancient Greece continues to have on our lives today i.e. democracy and the rule of law, theatre, the Olympic Games and philosophy. The children will also learn about key people of this time, including Alexander the Great.

Other subjects at a glance:

Science – In the first part of summer term the children will be focusing on Earth and Space, where they will learn how to describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system. They will be able to describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth and describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies using the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky. In our second unit the children will learn about the life cycles of animals, plants and humans and how they change and grow.



PD – We will be following our No Outsiders units starting with equality leading on to drugs and safety which will include dealing with loss, understanding the effects of alcohol on the body, smoking and recognising the difference between helpful and harmful drugs.

Useful websites

www.hightersheath.excelsiormat.org

[KS2 - England - BBC Bitesize](http://www.bbc.com/bitesize)

Important Dates for this term

Final Notices!

PE day is Monday and Friday.

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on those days. Earrings are to be removed or not to be worn on PE days and long hair needs to be tied back.

Homework – will be sent out on Friday and should be returned on Tuesday.

If you have any queries, concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Please phone the school office or email: enquiry@hightersheath.excelsiormat.org

Best wishes, and thank you in anticipation for your continued support,

Miss Vigers and Mrs Sharif