



# St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

## Year 5 Newsletter

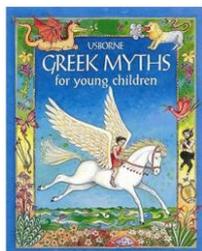
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For this half term, Year 5 will be focusing on **History** and trying to answer the question, "**What was life like in Ancient Greece?**" Throughout the topic, we will be looking at the difference between life in Athens and Sparta, studying the Greek gods, looking at what the early Olympic games were like and deciding why Alexander the Great was such an effective leader.



### English

This term, Year 5 will be using Greek myths including **Perseus** and **Theseus** as inspirations for our writing. We will be concentrating on newspaper reports and diaries.

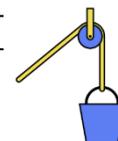


### Reading

All children are expected to read **at least 4 times a week** at home. If they do this, they will receive a raffle ticket and will be entered into a draw for a brand-new book.

Reading diaries should be **signed by an adult** and a note of which pages have been read.

### Science



Our science topic for this half term is "**How do forces make things move or stay still?**"

During the term we will continue to conduct experiments looking at water resistance, air resistance as well as levers, pulleys and gears.

### Maths



This term we will be completing our work on **decimals**. We will then move onto **percentages** and their relationship to fractions and decimals

### P.E.

PE will now take place on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. On these days, children will need to come to school in PE kit, which is: **plain white t-shirt** (no football shirts or designs), **black shorts or jogging trousers** and suitable **plain trainers**.