



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

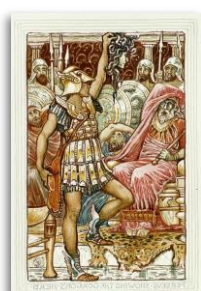
Year 5 Newsletter

Spring 2

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 the Greek myth of **Perseus** as an inspiration 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. Children, who read **5 times a week or more**, will also receive **5 minutes** of extra playtime on Friday. Reading diaries need to be **signed by an adult** and a note of which pages have been read.

Maths

This term we will be concentrating on **decimals**. Our work will include ordering decimals, comparing decimals, adding and subtracting decimals as well as converting decimals to fractions.

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.

P.E.

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