

# ANCIENT GREECE



Year 5: Summer Term 1

## Class Haworth

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful, relaxing Easter break and are excited about the Summer term!

This half term, our learning focus is the Ancient Greeks and their accomplishments. We will be learning about how the Ancient Greeks lived and the lasting impact they have had on the way we live today.

Our eagerly anticipated focused texts for this half term are 'Percy Jackson the Lightning Thief' and 'Beasts of Olympus'. We will be using these books as a stimulus for our own creative writing, linked closely to our history learning.

As always, if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us through ClassDojo or the school office.

Year 5 Staff:

Mrs Carroll, Mrs Barraclough and Mrs Kilmartin

### Our distinctive Church school ethos

Children will take part in daily collective worship. We will spend time together as a school, in a class and as part of our 'Value Families'.

Every other Tuesday we visit St Paul's Church for a service led by Reverend Thierry Guillemain.

Throughout the day we will pause for reflection to consider our values through prayer.



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### Dates to remember:

8.4.24 and 9.4.24 Parents' Evening

12.4.24 Eid Themed Lunch

22.4.24 Whole Class Photo

1.5.24 Yorkshire Water - Water Safety Talk

6.5.24 Bank Holiday

13.5.24 Year 6 SATs Week

17.5.24 Year 1 Phonics Morning

20.5.24 Hand to Mouth

21.5.24 Rainbow Day

21.5.24 Break up

**Learning at home:** Children will also be given a list of spellings on a Friday, which can be accessed through Spelling Shed and they will be tested on the correct spellings the following Friday. Reading books need to be brought into school daily. When a child reads at home 5 times per week, they receive a raffle ticket. The tickets are then entered into the draw for the children to have the opportunity to take home our 'Snuggle up and read' bags.

**P.E:** Children will need to come into school in their P.E kit on **Mondays and Tuesdays**.

### Personal Development

**PSHE:** This half term will focus on develop the children's understanding of money and money management. Over this unit, they will be discussing money risks and management, making and prioritising budgets, and exploring money's role in career choices.

**My Happy Mind:** The module for this half term is 'Relate', focusing on teaching children the importance of being able to relate or get along with others in order to have positive relationships. We will use the 'Character Strengths Lens' to illustrate the need to be able to see other perspectives in order to build relationships.



**P.E:** Our specialist PE coach will continue to teach our PE sessions in Year 5 focusing on tennis and athletics. Class Haworth will develop their forehand and backhand, begin to identify spaces and understand the tactic of hitting into gaps during tennis sessions. In athletics, they will develop their understanding of how different muscles work and be able to explain how their bodies react and feel when taking part in different activities.



## Our World

**Religious Education:** This half term, we will be exploring the question 'What would Jesus do?' The children will learn about what Jesus was saying in the Sermon on the Mount and understand how Christians might feel about this today. We will also explore what Christians might believe the foundations of life should be.

**History:** During our history lessons, we will be learning about Ancient Greece, focusing on the question, 'Were the achievements of the ancient Greeks overrated?' The children will learn about Greek life, their beliefs and accomplishments and the impact they have had on the way we live today.



## STEM

**Science:** Firstly, we will be completing the unit 'Living things and their Habitats'. Class Haworth will learn about animal and plant reproduction, life cycles of plants and differences in the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, reptiles, insects and birds. We will move onto learning about Earth and Space; naming the planets and being able to describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets relative to the sun.



**Maths:** Our maths lessons will focus on shape, space and measure. The children will develop an understanding of how to Measure angles up to  $180^\circ$ , draw lines and angles accurately and calculate angles around a point and on a straight line. By the end of the half term, Class Haworth will learn how to read, plot and problem solve with co-ordinates.

**Design Technology:** Our focus this half term is to design our dream playground! Using our understanding of structures, we will design five different pieces of apparatus, strengthening them by manipulating materials and shapes.

**Computing:** The children have looked forward to this unit - Game Creator! The half term, they will be learning how to design settings for a game, upload images and characters, can decide upon the animations and sounds that the characters make.

**Speaking and listening:** During our learning, speaking will be encouraged through role play, debates and sharing ideas and our work with the class.

**Reading:** Our focused class text will be 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief' by Rick Riordan. In addition, during our reading sessions, the children will explore a wide range of text types and develop their reading skills including; making predictions, retrieving information from the text and explaining vocabulary choices made by the author.



**Writing:** Our focused text types for this half term are short narrative and non-chronological reports using our class texts as the stimulus. The children will be writing non-chronological reports about Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses, ensuring they include they use a variety of sentence types and structures, with the correct punctuation. The children will also continue to develop and build upon all the skills they have already been taught.

**Spelling:** During spelling lessons, the children will be focusing on challenge words and words with hyphens. In addition, we will continue to learn the Year 5/6 common exception words.

**French:** The theme of this half term is 'Family and Friends' building on prior skills and knowledge of animals, homes and family the children will expand their vocabulary and consolidate their understanding of descriptive language.



## The Arts

**Music:** This half term, Class Haworth will be working towards performing a looped body percussion rhythm. They will work in small group to develop the ability to keep in time with others. Using loops, the children will create a whole piece of music, ensuring that the different aspects of music work together.

