

Groovy Greeks!



1839 + Bures School

The Shire Class Newsletter

This term...

Our topic will focus on the Groovy Greeks! In history, we will be exploring the Ancient Greeks – when and where they ruled, the lives of some important Greek philosophers, and the legacy they left behind. In science, we will be exploring the properties of materials. This will involve investigating mixtures and solutions and how they can be separated, and the difference between reversible and irreversible changes. The second half term will focus on forces paying particular attention to water resistance, air resistance, and friction. Geography will centre on the human and physical geography of Greece, from biomes and climate zones to economic activity and trade links! In RE we will begin by addressing the question “*Why is the Gospel good news for Christians?*” before considering the question “*What does the Qur’an reveal to Muslims about Allah and his guidance?*”.

Class team...

The class team is: Mrs Vicky Holmes (Class Teacher); Mrs Sarah Hearnden (Trainee Teacher); Mrs Emily Haworth (LSA). As a team we are here to support you and your child as much as possible. If you need to speak to any of us, please make contact via the school office by email or telephone or a short message on Seesaw and I will return your call or reply as soon as possible. We welcome parents’ involvement as much as possible.

How you can help at home...

Helping your child to be independent to help prepare them for their next step – secondary school. Arriving promptly at school in the mornings will help the children to prepare for the day and be ready to learn *at 8.40am*.

Please be aware that homework will be set a little differently for Year 5. There will continue to be spellings set on ‘Spelling frame’ and an expectation that children read at home 5 times per week but also on a **Tuesday** Maths will be set on Deepening Understanding and an expectation to complete 5 quizzes on Read Theory, so please check your child has their log in details and perhaps keep these to hand at home as well. **Times tables** are another essential skill that needs to be practised every day - just five minutes – writing them, saying them or playing games involving them. **Telling the time** is a life skill you can easily practise together also, perhaps encouraging your child to wear a watch would help.

By setting the work on a Tuesday and expecting it back by the following Tuesday, I hope it will be possible for you to make sure they are able to give it the appropriate time and attention. Helping them is encouraged but please do not do it for them. Let me know if there are any issues with the level of work your child is given. You can always just write a brief note to say whether you have helped your child or they have worked independently. That will help us judge their progress more accurately.

Please remember...

PE kits should be worn to school on a Monday and a Thursday. We will be going outside as much as possible so please provide your child with clothing appropriate for the weather. Occasionally PE will be scheduled for another day if the weather is unsuitable. As the weather changes, children will need warmer clothing and appropriate footwear. In the Summer Term, the children will be having swimming lessons as they were unable to undertake these in Year 3 or Year 4 due to the coronavirus restrictions.

We will also use the secure online Learning Journal "Seesaw" to share the children's work with you. Your child has been given a QR to scan in order to provide access. Please let us know if you experience any problems. We hope you enjoy this "window" into your child's school day!