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CHALONER PRIMARY

Year 5 Topic Letter



Computing



This half-term's topic is:

Ancient Greece



Literacy



This half term the children will be looking at the genre of playscripts. After learning about the key features, the children will plan, write, edit and redraft their own playscripts, before performing parts of them.

The children will also read, perform and write a range of poetry including rhyming couplets and haikus.

Throughout the term the children will continue to develop their understanding of basic skills focusing on sentence structure, basic punctuation, spelling and grammar.

Science



This half term the children will learn about the Sun, Moon and Earth and will develop an understanding of day and night, the four seasons and the Moon's phases. The Sun and the planets making up our Solar System will also be investigated, along with the other stars in their constellation.

Topic Work

In our topic work the children will be learning about what life was like in Ancient Greek times. They will learn about many aspects including: war, education, religion, beliefs, the differences between Sparta & Athens and the Agora.

The latter is to be set as a creative homework task, to be completed at home.



Numeracy

This half term the children will continue to develop their skills in multiplication (introducing children to long multiplication) and division, before using the 4 basic operations to solve a range of problems and multi-step problems. There will also be a big focus on recognising and interpreting negative numbers in context.

In topic maths, the children will learn about perimeter and area of rectilinear shapes, before learning to identify 3D shapes from 2D representations.

PE and PSHE

In our PE sessions, the children will be focusing on throwing and accuracy skills, before applying them to the games of Benchball and Dodgeball.

SkillForce sessions will continue each Thursday.

In our PSHE sessions we shall be focusing on the topic '*Say No to Bullying*'.

RE



In our RE sessions the children will be learning about the religion of Islam. They will discover where the religion was founded, learn about the life of Muhammad and the importance and significance of the Qur'an to Muslims.



Art and French



This half term, the children will complete a number of mini tasks using the Scratch software, before learning about search engines, and how they work.

In Art, the children will be researching, sketching and labelling numerous Greek artefacts to begin the topic. They will also learn about the images and symmetrical borders found on Ancient Greek vases and plates, before designing their own.

In our French work, the children will continue to build their vocabulary, focusing initially on the months and dates. They will be introduced to the concept of masculine and feminine nouns.

Notes:



PE days for Y5AD this half-term will continue to be Thursdays and Fridays. Please ensure you have a full PE Kit including trainers.

Creative homework will shortly be uploaded to the school website. Please encourage and help your child to research and complete this task. I'm sure they, and you, will enjoy it!

Thank you