

# Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter 2021

## Prof. Brian Cox Class

### Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to year 5 and Brian Cox class. The children have come back to school ready to learn and are already engrossed in revising their Geography of the UK, Europe and the World. I look forward to working in partnership with you this year to ensure the best progress for your child. Please do not hesitate to contact me via Dojo if you have any concerns and I am always available at the end of the day to answer any questions.



This term we will be learning about the powerful warriors and leaders from Ancient Greece. Through research we hope to develop our knowledge of this period and practise our skills as historians. We will start this half term by focusing more on the geographical features of modern day Greece. In **Art and DT** we will be practising our sketching

techniques and observational drawing skills. We will also be looking at the intricate detail on ancient Greek pottery and attempting to replicate this ourselves using clay.



In **Science** we will be learning about forces and later on the changes of state e.g. liquids in to gases, including revising key facts and knowledge we have gained in

previous learning.

In **English**, we will explore a range of genres over the term including recounts, persuasive writing, modern fiction and poetry. Additionally, we will be focusing on regular spelling, punctuation, grammar and handwriting lessons to consolidate and extend its use; this will add accuracy as well as depth to our written and creative work.



In **Maths** we will be practising number skills and times tables alongside our daily maths lessons. The children will take part in weekly arithmetic and times tables activities to support their progress across maths as well as mastering new concepts, ideas or consolidating previous knowledge.

Finally in **PE**, the children will be practising their existing football skills alongside learning new ones. We will also be looking at different ways to rotate the body in our weekly gymnastics sessions. Throughout PE, there is a strong focus on good teamwork and the importance of physical fitness and the effect this can have on our mental wellbeing.

Please ensure that P.E kits are at school every day; PE lessons will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays. This should consist of a P.E. top in the colour of their house, dark coloured jogging bottoms (for outside P.E sessions), black shorts, black plimsolls and trainers. Remember children should not wear jewellery during P.E; they must remove their earrings and, for safety reasons, have a hair band to tie up long hair.

Weekly homework will be sent out on a Monday, this will revise key facts from a range of subjects and will also include spellings and times tables to learn. Spelling, tables and key facts tests will take place on the following Monday.



As well as the above, it is important that your child reads regularly at home, ideally 15 minutes a day; this forms part of their set homework, please record any reading in their reading diary. Children should also access TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed twice a week from home - if internet access or access to a device is posing a problem, please speak to me.

Thank you for your support, I look forward to working with you this year.

**Mrs Karen Rouse**