



Welcome back, Year 5!

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We hope that you have all had a good summer holiday and are eager to get stuck into the new school year ahead! Year 5 is the step up into Upper Key Stage 2, with many new challenges for the children as they prepare for their final years at Coleham. We aim to make the curriculum as creative and as fun as possible, enabling the children to succeed in their personal targets and enjoy the year ahead.

Our cross-curricular topic this term will be Ancient Greece. As well as studying Greece geographically, we will be stepping back in time to study how the ancient Greeks lived; looking at the legacy of their civilisation; reading and writing ancient myths and learning about their many Gods and Goddesses.



In art, we will be taking inspiration from Ancient Greek pottery and paintings. We will be linking our English to computing by creating stop-frame animations of our Greek myths. Year 5 are very fortunate this year, because we will be receiving professional music tuition from the Shropshire Music Service (this will begin after half term). This promises to be an exciting and valuable addition to the curriculum.

Here are a few quick reminders of what your child needs to bring to school:

- PE will be on **Tuesday** (indoor) and **Wednesday** (outdoor), so please remember PE kits on these days. Please ensure that outdoor PE kit includes trainers, tracksuit bottoms and a long-sleeved top. Remember that timetables can change, so it would be useful to have PE kits handy throughout the week.
- This half term however, outdoor PE will be replaced by swimming from Wed 13th September to Wednesday 11th October inclusive.
- Pens and pencils etc. are provided. Your child does not require a pencil case.

Homework:

Homework will now consist of spellings, times tables and reading. A letter will follow to explain this further.



- Reading is extremely important and we expect every child to read a little each night. They may choose a book from school or from home and should record their reading in their reading records – **these will be checked on a weekly basis**. When possible, please hear your child read and make your own comments in their diaries – we cannot stress how important hearing your child read is, even if you are confident of your child's reading ability. Talking about texts unlocks many skills that are very difficult to acquire without it.
- Spellings will be sent home each week and spelling tests will take place on **Fridays**.

Please feel free to speak to us if you have any questions whatsoever about anything (to do with school!).

Thanks for your support and help,

Mrs Brazier, Mrs Barnard and Mr Lowrie-Herz