



Welcome back to Term 2! We hope you all had a wonderful week and are looking forward to continuing our learning this term.

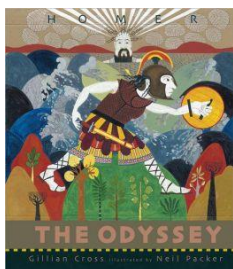
Our overall theme for History will continue this term: The Ancient Greeks. In science, we will be exploring forces.

Please could we remind parents that now that the weather is becoming colder and wetter, children should wear a coat / raincoat to school every day as if raining lightly we will still go outside for break and lunch. For outdoor PE, a tracksuit should be worn over PE kit as we will try to go outside as much as we can ☺

Mr. Hunter (Hawks) Miss Cassell and Miss Lloyd (Owls) Mrs Williams (Ravens)

English

This term, we will be linking our writing with the fantastic book **"The Odyssey"** by Gillian Cross. The story is a retelling of Odysseus' journey home after the Trojan war and the trials he faces along the way. We are sure the children will thoroughly enjoy exploring this novel!



Reading

Through a variety of fiction, non-fiction and poems we will look at different reading skills such as inference, retrieval, predicting and comparing. We will also develop our understanding of vocabulary and think about why authors choose particular words.

Maths

In Maths this term, we will be deepening the children's understanding of multiplication and division. We will be looking at multiples, common multiples and prime / squared / cube numbers. We will also be looking at multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. We will then move on to look at fractions - focusing on equivalent fractions, mixed numbers / improper fractions and comparing and ordering fractions. We will also continue to focus on arithmetic skills and times tables to help reinforce and consolidate these important skills. Problem-solving and reasoning activities will also be built into our lessons to challenge and extend the children's learning.



Science

This term we will be looking at **Forces**. Children will learn how to:

- Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object.
- Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces.
- Recognise that some mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

History

This term, we will continue to build on last term's learning about The Ancient Greeks. We will find out about the architecture, the Olympics, wars and important Greeks and how they still influence our lives today. Our whole-school curriculum intent is to explore our topics, from a "home, near and far" perspective, so we will be exploring links with the Greeks in our local area, our country and then the wider world!

Computing

This term we will continue to explore internet safety and how to keep ourselves and others safe. We will be using Purple Mash to explore coding. They will develop the skills needed to plan an algorithm and sequence. They will explore and create simulations.



Design and Technology



In Design and Technology this term, we will be learning about bread. We will understand the history of some key companies within this industry; explore the different types of bread around the world and have the opportunity to taste some; as well as design and make our own bread product based on a consumer's request.

RE

In RE this term, we will be focusing on Christianity and exploring the question "Why doesn't Christianity always look the same?"



PE

In PE this term, we will be all be developing our badminton skills during our indoor sessions. Hawks will also be swimming whilst Owls and Ravens progress their rugby skills outdoors.

PSHE

In PSHE this term we will be celebrating differences within our class, our school, the wider community and the world



We will also be looking at bullying – what it is, the impact it can have and we can deal with it.



FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR CURRICULUM



At Fairview, our school values underpin everything we do and are core to the ethos of our school. Our aim is to develop a community of **responsible** learners who not only demonstrate **collaboration** and **perseverance** in their work, but who also show **kindness**, **respect** and **honesty** towards one another.

...Home!

Home Learning

- Spellings – Spelling home learning continues to be set each week on EdShed. In order to complete their spelling home learning and to practice for their spelling test each Friday, we ask that the children complete a minimum of 4 games each week.
- Reading – To encourage reading for pleasure and to support their progress, we ask that the children read as regularly as possible, ideally daily. Please ensure your child records every time they read in their reading record and that an adult signs it off. Reading records continue to be checked on a regular basis in class.
- Maths – Maths home learning will be on TTRockstars where the children will take part in battles. Please encourage your child to complete their maths home learning in order to support their progress.

Home learning continues to be an important way of supporting your children's progress and we would like to thank you for your continued support – it makes a huge difference and has a positive impact on your child's learning. If you have any questions regarding home learning, please contact your child's class teacher, who will be happy to help! ☺

Contacting the teacher

This year, we will not be using contact books.

Communication between school and parents/carers will be via the office email (office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk) or phone call.

Classes will also be regularly sharing what they are up to via our school Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/fairviewcommunityschool/>)

