



Fairview Community Primary School

Termly Newsletter

Year 5 - Term 1

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.

From all of us on the team, a very warm welcome to Year 5 and the start of a new academic year! We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are excited to start your adventures in Upper Key Stage 2! We are very much looking forward to working with you and the children this year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher ☺

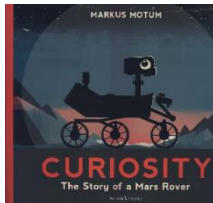
Mr Hunter (Hawks) Miss Cassell and Miss Lloyd (Owls) Mrs Williams (Ravens)

We have an exciting year ahead with lots of great topics for the children to explore. We will be kicking off the year by exploring two exciting themes in Term 1: The Ancient Greeks in History, and we will be learning about Earth and Space in our Science lessons.

Critical question – In what ways have the Ancient Greeks influenced our lives today?

English

This term, we will be linking our English lessons to the book 'Curiosity' written by Markus Motum. This book explores the story of a Mars Rover and the importance it has had on space exploration. We will be writing for a range of purposes during this unit including writing explanations, logs, news reports and proposals. The children will also have the opportunity to invent their own Rovers for future space exploration! We also link to our Space topic and Black History month by exploring the book 'Hidden Figures' by Margot Lee Shetterly.



Maths

In Maths this term, we will be deepening the children's understanding of place value which includes numbers up to 1 million, rounding and comparing and ordering numbers. We will also revisit Roman Numerals. Then we will be exploring formal written methods of addition and subtraction. 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

In Science this term, we will be learning about Earth and Space and will be investigating areas such as the position of Earth and other parts of our solar system, theories from the past about the shape of the Earth (and how we can use modern evidence and simple testing to disprove them), the causes of night, day and the seasons on Earth and how/why shadows change throughout the day. To further develop our understanding, we will explore the solar system in a virtual reality workshop.



History

This term, we will be learning about The Ancient Greeks. We will find out about life in Ancient Greece and how they still influence our lives today. We have a workshop coming into school to immerse the children in Ancient Greek life. It promises to be an exciting, and very interesting, term!

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

In computing this term, we will be learning how to use the Scratch program to code a model of the solar system.

We will also explore internet safety and how to keep ourselves and others safe.



Art

In Art this term, we will be learning about Ancient Greek pots and will develop our skills working with clay to make our own. We will look at the art of anatomy to draw Greek figures in sport.



RE

In RE this term, we will be answering the question, what is the best way for Hindus to show their commitment to God?



PE

In PE this term, we will be all be developing gymnastic skills during our indoor PE session.

In addition, Owls and Ravens will be swimming. Hawks will focussing on tag rugby in their outdoor PE sessions.



PSHE

In PSHE this term we will be evaluating some different rules, rights and responsibilities that are shared in our country and explain how they can help individuals and the wider community.

We will explain why rights and responsibilities contribute to making groups effective. These groups could be in school and/ or from a community context.



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, 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 take place on TTRockstars. 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/>)

