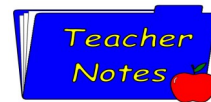




Year 5



- PE is on a Thursday afternoon, so can children bring their kit in on a Monday and leave it in school to take home on a Friday.
- All children need a water bottle in school. They can bring an empty plastic one from home or buy one from the school office for £1.50

Homework:

The children will receive spellings and times tables to practise on a Monday and will be tested on a Friday. They will also receive a **termly piece of homework, where there is a choice of different activities (there will be a separate letter to follow regarding this.)** If the children struggle with their homework they can do it in school with myself or Mrs Chastney and we will happily support them, please don't let them worry about it over the weekend.



♦ Watch this space for an Ancient Greece themed visit, date to follow soon!

♦ Any other whole school dates will be in the whole school newsletter.

What's Happening in the Classroom?

Welcome back to all of our families, we hope you have had a relaxing Easter. Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome! I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week at New Penshaw Academy.

Our topic this term will be focusing on the study of Ancient Greece. The children are really enjoying what we have learned so far. On Monday, we started to plan our role play area, a Greek colosseum! We have been studying the Greek alphabet and wrote our names in Greek! The children came up with some fabulous questions about Ancient Greece and we cannot wait to start researching. We will also be **studying Greek life and achievements , and their influence of the western world.** We will be researching using non-fiction books, the Internet, pictures, photographs, maps etc.

In Literacy, we have started to look at the features of narrative writing, of Myths and Legends. Our first myth , Pandora's Box, has encouraged much discussion about morals and children are beginning to compare their own 'Pandora's Box ' experiences. We will be studying a variation of different Greek myths and legends and building up to writing our own, in narrative form, which the children are already getting lots of very creative ideas for!

Our maths learning we will be focusing on place value, Roman numerals , rounding, addition and subtraction with increasingly large numbers , and multiplication and division. We will continue to problem solve and reason with calculations linked to all four operations too.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Miss Anderson and Mrs Chastney



- **Sumdog**: can be used on a computer and is available for Ipad, a great collection of maths games. All children have a school log in.
- **Table Mountain, countdown** and **Pole Climber** are great games to practise rapid recall of times tables.

