



# Year 5 Newsletter

Copthorne Primary School

September 2017

## What we will be learning about this term in Maths and English.



In **English** lessons this term, children will be exploring a range of myths and legends that have originated from all over the world. They will be watching scenes from mythical films, reading stories and comparing the similarities and differences between various versions.



During **Mathematics** this term, children will be extending their knowledge on place value and practising both **written** and mental methods for the four operations. Written methods include compact, column addition and subtraction, grid method for multiplying and long division. They will also be touching topics such as fractions, decimals and percentages.

Please ensure your children are using their **mental maths** skills effectively in everyday contexts *e.g. calculating money when shopping, telling the time and finding the differences in timetables, converting units of measurement when cooking or travelling.*

In Year Five, it is expected that your child knows the **multiplication and division facts up to 12**. Please encourage your child to practise and say these regularly and out loud in full-

**for example:  $8 \times 7 = 56$  and  $56 \div 7 = 8$**

Also, ask your child what their **Curricular Targets** are in Maths and English as **they need to know!**

In **science** lessons, the children will be learning all about space. They will understand why day and night occur on Earth and why the length of days change throughout the year. They will also research more about the planets that make up our solar system.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

**Thank you,**

**Miss Munir and Mr Pearson**  
**Year 5 Teachers**

In the **Copthorne Curriculum** we will be studying our topic, '**Age of Empires**'. Children will investigate the era of Ancient Greece, this will include the differences between life in Sparta and Athens and how this compares to everyday life now for Greek people. We will discuss the impact that Alexander the Great had on Greece around that time. Children will explore a range of Greek art, food, entertainment and literature.

In **Religious Education** the topic this term is 'Symbols' where children will be looking at religious symbols and what they represent. As well as this, children will create their own personal symbol that represents them and their lives.

In **PSHE** our theme for this half term is '**Relationships**' where we will focus on the importance of starting the new school year with a positive attitude. We will set personal and class targets that we will work towards throughout the term.

In PE, the boys will be going swimming every Thursday so they must remember their swimming kits. The girls will stay in school and focus on netball and football skills.



As a class, we will also be aiming to achieve an '**Investors in Pupils**' class target which if met, can result in a class reward and voucher. We will also be working together to suggest ways in which we can achieve our own personal Investors In Pupils target.

In Year 5 it is expected that children access '**Mathletics**', '**Spellodrome**' and '**SPaG.com**' at home frequently, ideally a few times a week for a minimum of 20 minutes. We will be regularly updating activities for your child to complete and this will allow your child to 'Play Live'.

**Remember** there's always a possibility you could be one of the top 10 in the world **Mathletics** league. Your name will be on the leader board, for all the other countries to see.

**If your child does not have their username and password, their class teacher will reissue it.**

## Homework and Raving Readers

Please ensure that you are encouraging your child to read their **Raving Readers** book at home every day for a minimum of 20 minutes and then ask them questions about what they have just read. Also, please encourage your child to complete their **homework** in a peaceful environment and to bring it into school on time. Homework is given **every Thursday** to be completed and returned to school by the following **Monday**. If your child does not understand their homework, they can talk through it with their teacher on the Friday.



## School Uniform

We want our children to look smart and ready to learn so please could you ensure your child has the correct uniform for class time and P.E.

Trainers are only to be worn for outdoor P.E. and pumps for indoor P.E.

**Black shoes should be worn the rest of the time.**

