



P.P.S. Elm Class

September 2020
Autumn Term

'The Butterfly Lion / Groovy Greeks

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Autumn term. We hope you had an exciting summer break and are ready for your child's new learning experiences this term. We are very lucky to start the term by looking at a fantastic author; Michael Morpurgo and one of his well known books 'The Butterfly Lion'. After this, we will be delving deeper into our topic, which is the Ancient Greeks.

In **Science**, we will be acquiring an understanding of forces, particularly gravity and manmade forces. We will focus particularly on how objects fall to earth, identifying the effect of air, water resistance and friction. We will also investigate mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears. We will then look at the Earth, Sun and Moon, describing the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system. Also, how the Earth's rotation explains day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.

Our **P.E.** lessons will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays please make sure your child has the appropriate kit. In P.E. the children will be taking part in competitive invasion games, focusing specifically on hockey. The children will also be learning how to take leadership in P.E. and will be looking at learning and playing games, alongside leadership skills to become playground leaders next year.

Computing lessons will focus on E-Safety. We will ensure the pupils have an understanding of how to use the internet

This is just an outline of what the children will be exploring during this topic. We are using these newsletters to give you information about your child's education as this will replace the foundation subjects comments on the annual report.

appropriately. Children will also be continuing to build on their research skills, where they will be using Google to find out more information about the Greeks answering their own questions. The children will also be reminding themselves how they can access and upload onto our class blog.

Our **History** is also Greek related. The children will look at how the Greeks have influenced life today through; The Olympics, education and philosophical ideas. The children will be researching and finding out what life was like during Ancient Greek times how this may have influenced the modern world.

Art and Design lessons will focus on the South African plains, creating sunset-inspired images, before looking at Greek vases and how they changed throughout the years. The children will be recreating these using clay.

In **Design and Technology** we will put our engineering knowledge to the test and create our own Greek Temples. The children will begin by researching Greek temples, before embarking on a mission to collect the correct tools to assemble their own free-standing model structure.



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Our **R.E.** lessons will look at the idea of creation and fall. The children will have the opportunity to debate conflicting and complementary ideas about these events and create their own balanced argument.

Within **French** the children will learn names of food and drinks related to packed lunches and breakfast and how to talk about what they have eaten/ drunk the previous day. They will also read and understand a familiar story in French.

Of course, English and Maths will be taught on a daily basis and will often be linked to the topic areas listed above. If you would like any additional information about this term's learning please do not hesitate to ask us.

Elm class will be reading a class novel together that will be chosen by the children at the beginning of term. You can find out all about what we are reading in the weekly newsletter or on our blog (<http://elmclasspetworth.edublogs.org/>), which we will be posting on weekly.

Spellings will follow the National Curriculum patterns along with two words from the statutory list. Timetables will practiced in school daily and tested on Mondays. Spellings will be tested on a Tuesday.

Homework will continue to be set weekly. This will consist of Prodigy Maths and Times Table Rock stars. Reading comprehension and spellings are still a weekly occurrence to support all children and their learning at home.

I am really looking forward to working with year 5 this year and know it will be an exciting, challenging and fun-filled year. If you have any concerns or feel that you need to talk to me please feel free to make an

appointment at the office.

I look forward to working with you and your children.

Zoe Pennicotte-Henrie

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Home-work due in	Home-work set		
Times Tables				
	Spelling test			
		PE	PE	