



Houghton Regis Primary School

'Growing minds, shaping futures and inspiring lifelong learning'



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to share with you the key topics and themes that your children will be exploring over the Spring 1 term.

This half term in English, we will be writing a persuasive letter and then writing a non-chronological report. We will continue to learn and embed the year 5 spelling, punctuation and grammar within our writing and focus on how to edit and correct our work effectively. Our class book will be *Who Let the Gods Out* by Maz Evans.

In maths, we will be furthering our understanding of multiplication and division, looking at short division and working with remainders. We will be revisiting fractions, this time multiplying fractions and calculating fractions of quantities. In our final week, we will be getting into decimals and percentage. We will continue with our weekly arithmetic lessons to further develop our number fluency.

During this half term in Science, we will continue to learn about Space, focusing on how to describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies and describing the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system. We will use data to draw conclusions about the Sun at different times of the year which will help us to describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth.

In History, we will be finding out about the Ancient Greeks by learning about their government and focusing on the differences and similarities of two city-states (Athens and Sparta). We will explore their daily life and find out about their gods and goddesses. We will look at their scholars and philosophers and compare the similarities and difference between the ancient and modern Olympics.

During our Art lessons, we will be creating art mood boards, which will help us design our Greek vases, using scratch art. In our Computing lessons, we will be focusing on creating short videos in groups. We will investigate the use of devices and software and learn and develop the skills of capturing, editing and manipulating video. The children will continue to focus on Christianity in RE and discuss the topic of how and why some people inspire others. Our PSHE topic is Dreams and Goals, appreciating our similarities and differences and understanding what motivates us. For music, we use Charanga and we will be looking at the unit 'Make You Feel My Love'. In this unit the children will be exploring pop ballads and performing *Make You Feel My Love* by Adele. In Spanish, our topic is the weather, we will be describing the weather in Spanish and revising the months of the year.

PE will take place on Monday and Thursday afternoons so please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kits. Our PE topics will be dance and golf.

One piece of Maths CGP and Reading CGP homework will be sent home each week on a Friday. Homework is due in the following week ready to be marked on Friday.

Spellings will be given out on a Thursday, to be learnt daily and tested the following Thursday. Understanding the definitions of these words will help the children to use them in their writing. Children must read at least 3 times a week. This can be a mixture of independent and to an adult. A quiz is then to be taken on the book via Accelerated Reader and the book can then be changed.

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Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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