



Dear Parents/Carers of Cassowary class,

Welcome to the new school year! We hope you all had a great break, and we're very happy to welcome you and your child into their new class. Our overall topic for the first half term is: Ancient Greece.

Many aspects of the curriculum will be linked to this topic.

English

We will begin the year by writing a non-chronological report about our class bird before moving on to creating a character description for one of the Greek gods or goddess.

Maths

Our focus in Maths will be Number: determining place value, multiples of 1,000 up to 1,000,000, We will continue to explore negative numbers and rounding for estimates and of course ensure that the children retain their times table knowledge they worked so hard to secure in year 4.

Science

We will be growing our knowledge of life processes and cycles for plants, insects, birds, amphibians and mammals (excluding humans as this is covered in the summer term). We will compare how different living creatures reproduce and make use of different habitats.

Art/Music/Dance/Drama

We begin the year exploring the art of Typography and Maps. The children will continue with a weekly singing assembly and in class we will focus on jazz music. Movement and drama will be woven into many aspects of the curriculum but particularly when learning about ancient Greek mythology.

History/Geography

This Autumn term we will be learning about life in Ancient Greece which will include looking at the human and physical geography of the country.

PSHME

We will discuss and learn about respecting ourselves and others, focussing on our rights, discrimination and prejudice.

RE

Year 5 will be learning about Islam, with a focus on Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr.

ICT

Computing will have a focus on computer systems and how to collaborate online. We will also be looking at what makes healthy friendships, both in person and online.

MFL

Children will learn how to express their opinions and feelings, starting with discussing different school subjects.

P.E.

We will improve our team working skills through Team Building skills and activities, keep ourselves active and develop key movement and hand-eye co-ordination skills with weekly sessions of hockey and fitness. There will also be 2 weeks of daily swimming lessons.

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Please read with your child every day at home (10-15 minutes) and where possible from a variety of texts.

Please ensure that their reading records, reading books and Me books come to school in book bags every day.

PE days:

Friday (outdoor) & Monday (indoor) (not during swimming weeks)

Please come to school wearing appropriate clothing for PE (trainers, leggings/ shorts/ tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt, sweatshirt or hoodie).

Year 5 Home learning:

We will post tasks online, weekly. We encourage children to try their best and use this opportunity to show off their skills! It contains:

- A reading task on BugClub
- A maths task on Sumdog
- Spellings to practise

There will be a half termly project, due in the last week of the half term.

Me Books

We are also sending home a 'Me book' in which to complete fortnightly activities. There will be activities to complete, and you can choose which activity to complete each week. We would like our children to bring in their Me books in by the date printed at the bottom of the task, and we will share our fabulous learning, in class, once a fortnight.

Other Class Information:

We are investigating possible enrichment activities linked to the Ancient Greeks – we will let you know when we confirm. We will have a two-week block of daily swimming lessons.

Lost Property

Children are encouraged to look after their belongings. If an item of clothing is found with no name on it, the item will be taken to lost property for the children to collect in the playground at the end of the day.

Getting in Touch!

If you have a question, concern, or query, please email the office at info-BG@brindisheschools.org and your email will be forwarded to the relevant member of staff.

Thank you for all your continued support!

From your Year 5 team: Ms. Lewis (Heron Class), Mr. Campbell-Warner (Macaw Class) and Ms. Supple (Cassowary Class)

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