

# Manor Longbridge School

## Year 5 Autumn Newsletter

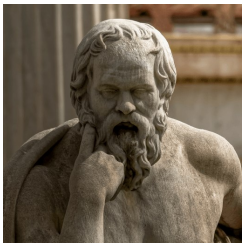
Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Year 5 Autumn term newsletter! This year we have lots to do and we hope the children will be successful and enjoy their learning. Our curriculum this year will be very creative. We hope to grab your child's attention through the wonderful topics we have planned.

There is lots of learning taking place this term, with wonderful experiences such as a Greek day, cross country, guitar and a visit into London to the Science Museum. We have a jam packed and fun term ahead of us!

We encourage parents to make sure attendance is good and that the children are in the line at 8:45am ready for the day ahead. Every morning, the children begin their day with arithmetic and reasoning questions which consolidate prior learning before moving onto a very full curriculum. It is vital that your child doesn't miss any school unless completely unavoidable.

### English/History

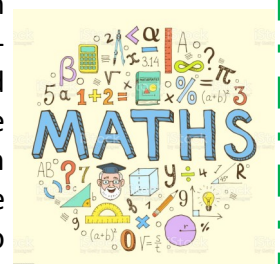


We continue to follow a creative curriculum based on engaging and cross-curricula topics. Please continue to discuss with your children what they have learnt at school and ask them to show you some of their new found skills.

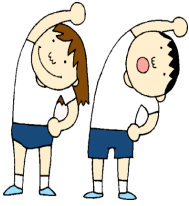
This term we will be focusing on '**Ground-breaking Greeks**'. In the Ground-breaking Greeks project, your child will learn about different periods of Greek history, exploring the earliest civilisations, the devastation of the Dark Age and the breakthroughs and developments of the Archaic and Classical periods. They will understand how the geography of Greece affected the development of city states and explore Athens, learning about the structure of the government and society. They will get to know some of the most significant Athenians and understand why Greek art, culture, architecture, philosophy, medicine and mathematics were so significant. Your child will learn about the leadership of Alexander the Great and discover how ancient Greece became part of the Roman Empire after the Hellenistic period. They will explore how the Romans respected and developed Greek ideas, making them their own and spreading them throughout the Roman Empire. To end the project, your child will decide which was the ancient Greeks' greatest idea, and explore how the legacy of ancient Greece affects their lives today.

### Maths

The children will continue to follow White Rose, which runs in many schools within the borough and is a thorough and broad scheme of work. The children will be working on Number and Place Value, Addition & Subtraction, Multiplication & Division and Fractions; using the knowledge from these topics to apply skills to reason and solve problems. As a team, we encourage you to speak with your children and show them examples of maths in your daily life (**maths in context**). For example, when you are cooking, talk about weight, measurements and time. When you are shopping, talk to your children about prices, money and change. If you require further guidance, please speak to one of the Year 5 team.



## PE



PE takes place on Wednesday for the whole year group. Please ensure that your child arrives in their full kit; this should include a pair of blue/black tracksuit bottoms, a white t-shirt and trainers/plimsolls. We are seeing football kits more often, please avoid wearing these. Earrings should not be worn in school, however, children with earrings will be asked to either remove them or use tape to cover them for the lesson.

*Please ensure that each piece of their kit is labelled with their name.*

## Other Subjects

<b>Science</b>	Properties of Materials & Forces
<b>I.C.T.</b>	Online Safety & Coding
<b>Religious Education</b>	Inner Forces & Christmas
<b>Art &amp; Design</b>	Colour wheel and explore mixing tints, shades and tones, Taotie motif, contemporary casting methods
<b>Humanities</b>	Ancient Greece & Interpreting geographical sources
<b>P.S.H.E.</b>	Learning together, How to deal with conflict, Legal and illegal drugs, Living without harm
<b>P.E.</b>	Dance/Gymnastics & Games
<b>Music.</b>	Weekly guitar lessons

## Homework



The children should read at home every day, please ensure that you hear them read at least three times in the week and ask them questions to further their understanding. The Home Contact Book can be signed each time your child reads with you, as well as adding their own summary comment when they read. In addition to reading every day, the children are expected to complete both sides of their LCWC sheet.

Each Friday, there will be at least 1 piece of English and 1 piece of Maths homework. It will be expected to be returned by Wednesday morning. If it is not returned on Wednesday, your child will be given an opportunity to complete it during their lunch time. They will also be encouraged to meet with their class teacher on a Monday or Tuesday lunchtime, if there is any part of the homework they are finding difficult.



Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

The Year 5 Team,

Miss Long, Mrs Horner and Mrs Nazar