

Dear Parents/Carers of Curie and Latimer Class,

Welcome to Year 5! We hope you had a lovely summer break!
Well done to all the children for settling in so well this week; it is lovely to see them all back here again. Thank you in advance for supporting your children with their learning this year.
Our learning journey for this half term will be:



In English, we will begin the year by writing setting and character descriptions based on the adventures of Odysseus. Following this, we will be writing non-chronological reports and adverts based on our history topic of Ancient Greece. In particular, we will be focusing on the story of the Odyssey. Please ask your child about Odysseus and his adventures and what they have learned so far. Reading some Greek myths at home would be wonderful; there are also some fantastic audio versions on BBC Teach School Radio:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/ks2-ancient-greece/zk73nrd>

Maths - Number: We will be developing our problem solving and reasoning skills with some exciting maths challenges. We will consolidate our knowledge of place value to 100,000 and extending this to numbers up to 1,000,000. We will be comparing, ordering and looking at how they are partitioned.

Addition and Subtraction: we will be adding and subtracting numbers with more than four digits and applying our knowledge to a range of problem-solving activities including rounding and missing number problems. [Please encourage your child to continue practising their times tables up to 12 and the related division facts. Don't forget SUMDOG has some brilliant times table games.](#)

Science – We will be further developing our understanding of different life cycles, looking at the differences of lifecycles between amphibians, insects and mammals. [You might like to talk and think about human life cycles.](#)

Art- We will be exploring the artistic style of typography; we will build our own lands and maps using typography.

History – We will be studying the period of history of Ancient Greece. We will be having a special Ancient Greek day to assist with our learning on the 16th of October (a letter to follow shortly).

RE – This half-term we will be learning more about Islam specifically focusing on Ramadan and Id ul Fitr.

Computing – Systems: we will be comparing different systems and understanding that computers can be connected.

Music – We will be studying a piece of music called 'Living on a Prayer' a piece of rock music.

P.E. – This half term our topics are tri-golf and fitness. We will learn different skills and setting the goal of improving fitness over time.

Spanish - We will be learning how to speak, listen and read vocabulary on school-life.

PSHME – This half-term our focus is relationships. We will be looking at families and friendships as well as what makes a safe relationship as opposed to an unhealthy relationship.

If you have any questions, please do email info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk

Miss Tothova and Mr Hickford

Please read with your child every day at home (20 minutes) and where possible from a variety of texts.

Your child can borrow books from our class library as often as they would like. Please remember to return these when you have finished reading them.

Please encourage your child to practice their times-tables regularly. SUMDOG and Hit the Button are two excellent platforms for this.

PE this term
Curie: Wednesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)

Latimer: Monday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor)

Tri-golf and Fitness will be our units this half term.

Please ensure children wear appropriate sportswear on these days, including trainers.

Year 5 Home learning: Each Friday we will post home learning suggestions for you on our WEDUC application.