

How can you help your child?

With their learning...

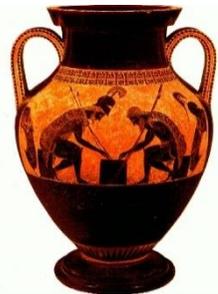
- Talk with your child about their school work, topics and the world around them.
- Hear your child read regularly and help them to learn spellings strategies.
- Visit the library and help your son/daughter to choose books to read for pleasure and to support their topics.
- Ensure your child uses Mathletics, TTRS, Numbots & Spelling Shed at home on a tablet or computer on a regular basis.
 - Please check your child's planner daily.
 - Sign the planner every week (at the bottom of the page) so that we know homework has been completed and that all communication between home and school has been shared.
 - Please help your child learn their times tables. You can find them in their planners and you can also use TT Rock Stars to help.
 - Please help your child learn their weekly spellings. You can find them in their spelling books and you can also use Spelling Shed to help.

With practical issues...

- Ensure that your child has the correct P.E. Kit in school every day.
- Children should wear a tie with winter uniform.
- Children should not wear nail varnish or jewellery (other than a watch and / or stud earrings) for school.
- Don't forget that if your child wishes to have their ears pierced, the best time is the beginning of the summer holidays as it is Dudley policy that children cannot wear any kind of earrings during PE lessons.
- Long hair should be tied up for safety reasons.
- Please ensure that all uniform and lunch boxes are marked with your child's name.

Homework...

- Homework will be set every Wednesday and is due to be completed by the following Tuesday.



Geography

In geography, the children will be developing their understanding of Ancient and Modern Greece. They will be paying particular attention to physical geography and the climate.

English

Our English work will be led by the books: 'Who Let the Gods Out?' and 'Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief'. We will concentrate on developing sentence structure and punctuation through a variety of genres including the correct and appropriate use of Alan Peat Sentences (APS). Our reading will focus on vocabulary, phonics, fluency and expression. Comprehension will be developed through targeted questioning and reading journal activities. Weekly spelling tests will be taking place. Children will be given a copy of the spellings in their green spelling books which should be taken home daily. The children will be assessed through dictation and written work.

Maths

In Maths, all aspects of the National Curriculum will be covered. In particular, we will be working on fluency of maths, rapid recall of times tables, the 4 operations, fractions, real life problems and reasoning. Using Mathletics regularly will help improve your child's fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills.

PE

The children will be focusing on invasion games (handball) and dance, developing their co-ordination, movement and flexibility. Please make sure that the correct P.E. Kit is in school every day.

Music - In music, the children will be 'Developing Melodic Phrases.' The unit of Work celebrates a wide range of musical styles: Listening, Singing, Playing Composing and Performing. Christmas songs will also be sung in the latter part of the term.

Computing

In Computer Science this term, the children will be developing their coding skills using Purple Mash. The children will experience using a range of applications in Information Technology and learn how to stay safe online as part of Digital Literacy.

Science

This term our young scientists will build on their learning about 'Electricity'. They will work scientifically to explore ideas and raise different kinds of questions; select and plan the most appropriate type of scientific enquiry to use to answer scientific questions; recognise when and how to set up comparative and fair tests and explain which variables need to be controlled and why.

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Ancient Greece

This term we are taking a trip back in time to the days of the Ancient Greek civilisation. We will be finding out about their way of life, the Greek gods and goddesses, and the ancient Olympics.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mr Baker, Mr Raybould and Mrs Oliver

RE

The children will be studying beliefs from around the world, including Islam and Sikhism.

Art

In art, the children will study masks and headwear from around the world.

History

During the term, we will be studying the history of Ancient Greece – looking at many interesting facts about Greek democracy, their beliefs, famous philosophers and Spartan warriors.

PSHE

The children will continue to develop an understanding of relationships and consider peer pressure.

D&T We will be developing our creativity by designing and making theatrical masks based on Ancient Greek myths.

Homework

Daily: Spelling Practice (please use the green spelling books) and Spelling Shed.

Daily: Reading (at least 5 mins – then initial planner).

Daily: Times Tables Practice (including the use of www.mathletics.co.uk – there is also an Android and iPad APP for Mathletics)

Wednesday: Homework set to be handed in on the following Tuesday.

For your attention: It is very important that your child's planner is kept safely and returned to school each day. This is part of our behaviour chart and helps children be ready to learn. Could you please sign your child's planner each week to show they have read and after you have checked that homework has been completed. Thank you.