Nacton C of E Primary School

Half Termly Newsletter

Year 5 and Year 6 – Autumn 1

Dear families,
Welcome to the first half term of the new year! We are very excited to have the children back and to get all the amazing learning underway!
Below you will find an overview of our curriculum this half term and what we will be learning in each subject. If you have any questions, please do come and speak to your class teacher.
We would like to thank you for your continued support and engagement with your child's learning.
Team Nacton

English Our English work this half term will be based on the book 'Who let the Gods out'. We will be writing a third person narrative and a newspaper article based on the book.	**Maths** Our maths units of learning this half term are place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division.	**Science** Our focus in science is living things and their habitats, where we will explore different types of organisms and how they are classified, including Carl Linnaeus' taxonomy.
History In history, we will be learning about Ancient Greece. This includes what life was life in Ancient Greece, why the Greeks were so successful and the legacy that the Greeks left.	**Computing** In computing, we will be learning all about digital communication, including how to communicate in a range of digital ways and online safety.	**Art** Our focus in art is Printmaking. We will be exploring and reviewing the works of Helen Maxfield and Max Angus and producing pieces of work using press printing.
Religious Education In RE, we learning about Christianity, and how people who follow this way of life share the good news of the gospel.	**Physical Education** PE this half term includes football, working on passing, dribbling, shooting and tackling, and dodgeball, working on throwing, catching and dodging.	**PSHE** Children will be learning about families and relationships. This includes how to earn respect in friendships and how to resolve disputes through compromise and negotiation.
Music In music, Mr Watson (our guitar teacher) will be teaching the children a range of notes on the guitar, and introducing them to play a range of songs.	**French** We will be learning about French transport. Using language detective skills to spot cognates; learning transport-related vocabulary and constructing sentences using parts of the verb 'aller' with prepositions.	**Online Safety** We will be learning how to identify and critically evaluate online content relating to gender, race, religion, disability, culture and other groups.

Important dates:	Home learning expectations:
4rd October: Harvest festival at the church – 10:00. 8th October: Parent consultations 24th October: **Year 6 only –** crucial crew school trip. 25th October: PD day – school closed for children. WC 28th October – Half term.	Times table rockstars: 15 minutes on garage per week. This will be set on Fridays for the following Fridays. Spelling Shed: 8 games of spelling shed. This will be set on Fridays for the following Friday. Homework: One piece of homework each week, varying in reading, writing, maths and research based on one of our foundation subjects. This will be set on Wednesdays for the following Wednesday.