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## Y5 Spring Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We are looking forward to a busy and exciting Spring term, and are writing to give you an overview of the topics, areas of learning and general procedures for this term.

### Literacy

To begin this term, we will be basing our outcomes on the Shakespeare play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. We will be welcoming The Young Shakespeare Company into Brookfield to perform the play for us. We will also be working alongside the Shakespeare Schools Foundation as part of our FAB (Fantastic Arts at Brookfield) project. Alongside this we will be continuing to work on improving spelling, handwriting and grammar. A list of spellings has been sent home to revise weekly, as part of the children's homework. We will also be exploring our topic of Ancient Greece by looking at some Greek myths later in the term.

**Reading** - to assist the children's reading and writing development, it is expected that they will read at home for **at least 15 minutes each day**. If you have time, it would be beneficial if you could ask your child questions about the book they are reading. This is to encourage them to think about what they are reading in greater depth. We ask that children record the title, date, and page numbers every time they read in their orange PACT book, as well as producing one thoughtful comment a week as part of their weekly homework. This will be checked on a weekly basis.

### Maths

This term there will be a strong emphasis on problem solving in class, practicing the skills of trial and improvement, working systematically and logical reasoning. We will also be looking at cementing our understanding of place value of numbers up to one million, as well as decimals down to thousandths. Then we will dive into the precipice that is negative numbers! (Get your thermometers out at home on a chilly day please!) Later in the term we will focus on converting measure, adding and subtracting fraction, converting fractions/decimals/percentages and finally geometry (shape). There will be bi-weekly times table challenges linked to the Camden Spring Slam Times Table Competition.

### Science

In science we will be studying the Earth, moon and solar system, looking at the orbits of the planets around the sun, and the rotation of the Earth on its axis (describing night and day). This unit offers great opportunities for children to develop their research skills, create models and role-play the movements of the solar system. Look out for a 'super blue moon eclipse' on 31<sup>st</sup> January!

### Computing

In computing this term we are using the program 'Sketch-Up' to create a virtual space. This will enable the children to understand the work of architects, designers and engineers working in 3D.

### History

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Our history topic for the term is 'Ancient Greece'. The children will learn about The Ancient Greek Gods, myths, cities, culture, philosophy and more!

### Music

Weekly lessons are taught by Julia, our music teacher on Monday (5L) and Thursday (5O) afternoon. This term we will be focusing on our unit 'Roundabouts' where the children will learn to sing in rounds, create their own arrangements and accompany a piece using simple chords. In Spring 2, year 5 will begin their drumming sessions with Tanya de Souza.

### P.E

This term, the children will be taught gymnastics by our PE teachers, Haseeb and Aaron, on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Please ensure children bring in and keep in school a separate, labeled P.E Kit. Suitable footwear must be worn for P.E lessons.

### Art and DT

This term we have our 'FAB' (Fabulous Arts at Brookfield) project as mentioned in literacy. This will culminate in a workshop that parents will be invited to at the end of the first half term. We will also continue to look at Michelangelo and Leonrado Di Vinci in our drawing unit.

### RE and PSHE

In RE we will learn about symbols in Judaism, focusing on lessons we can all take from Jewish religious stories. In PSHE we looking at peer pressure, the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and protective behaviours. We will also be discussing world issues with links to the UNCRC Rights of the Child.

### French

Children will write letters to our partner school in Paris, introducing themselves to their pen pals and using vocabulary that they have learnt in French in Brookfield.

### Key date

#### January

15<sup>th</sup> - Young Shakespeare Company Performance (for Y5/6 children)

26<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Wake and Shake

#### February

8<sup>th</sup> - Shakespeare Schools Foundation Showcase (Children perform, Parents invited to attend)

8<sup>th</sup> - Brookfield Auction (Evening)

w.b. 26<sup>th</sup> - Assessment Week

20<sup>th</sup> - Spring Term concert

22<sup>nd</sup> - Parent evening

#### March

w.b. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Writing Week

12<sup>th</sup> - KS2 choir to Royal Albert Hall

13<sup>th</sup> - 'The Place' Camden Dance Festival (Parents to attend in the evening at 'The Place' dance studio near Euston)

15<sup>th</sup> - British Museum Trip

29<sup>th</sup> - Last day of term

Kind regards,

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### **Handy Reminders:**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<i>Homework handed in</i>	5L - PE 5O - PE	<i>Homework given out</i>	5L - PE 5O - PE
<i>PACT books to be brought in Tuesdays</i>				

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