

**Welcome back**

Hello everyone! I trust that your holidays were enjoyable and filled with fun moments that the children will be keen to tell both myself and others about. I'm looking forward to hearing about them!

I have been incredibly fortunate over the holidays and managed to visit some 'bucket list' destinations including the Parthenon in Athens and the site of the original Olympic games in Olympia – I even ran on the track! Whilst travelling I was able to read lots of different books from my favourite ongoing Star Wars series to a re-read of the classic 'The Iliad & The Odyssey' in preparation for our family holiday to Greece.

Of course, a summer holiday isn't complete without a mulling over of how school will unfold over the following term. As such, Mr. Boyd and I have planned a cracking half term full of fun, intrigue and, of course, learning.

Read on to find out more...



**What are we learning?**

*Our first topic*

As a whole school we're starting off by looking at Roald Dahl. In year five, we're specifically focusing upon a book called 'The Witches'. It's a wonderful story set (initially) in Norway where Dahl brings characters to life in his usual fantastic way.

**Awesome Websites**

*Keen readers*

Parents frequently ask me about recommendations for books. It can be challenging to find a good selection specifically aimed at year 5. Luckily, the Books Trust have a superb tool to help you out!

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>



The tool allows you to select your age range, type of book then gives you your results.



**Home Learning**

**Handed out Friday – Returned Friday**

*Reading*

We will provide your child with books from school to read at home. Please try to read as frequently as possible and sign the relevant part of the reading diary – thank you in advance!

*Homework Book*

Each week your child will bring home their homework book along with some pieces of homework to complete.

Broadly speaking, the tasks will link to learning we have done in school that week (or have recently covered).

**Becoming Britain**

*Autumn 1 Learning*

To find out more about what we are learning this half term, please see the reverse of this letter.



If you do have any questions or concerns that I can help with, please catch me on the playground and I'll do my best to answer them then and there.

