



# Year 5 Newsletter

**Summer 1**

It seems hard to believe, but we are already in the final term of Year 5! We have already been busy with hook tasks and our window is now decorated with wonderful book covers for our new novel 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief'. You will also see lots of plants growing outside the class as part of our Science topic of Living Things. There are peas, zinnias and nasturtiums (these last two are flowers!) These are to help us understand more fully the anatomy of plants. We have a trip to the Charles Burrell Museum in town very soon as part of our History topic 'The Industrial Revolution' and even have a working model steam engine on display in our class. Don't worry—we won't be firing it up indoors!

## Dates for your diary

**21st April—Year 5 trip to Charles Burrell Museum.**

**27th April—Bikeability Training**

**28th April—Class photographs**

**18th May—Aspirations Week**

**22nd May—Talent Show**

## How can I help my child with their learning?

Parents can play an important role in supporting their child's learning at home. Take time to ask your child questions about what they have been learning in school and encourage them to explain their ideas, as talking about learning helps children remember and understand more. Reading together regularly and discussing books can also build confidence and vocabulary. Visiting places such as Thetford Library can help children discover new books and develop a love of reading.

We encourage the children to answer questions in full sentences.

### SHAPE your Speech



**S**entences – not single words

**H**and away from mouth

**A**rticulate

**P**roject



**E**ye contact



## Our Value this half term is 'Aspire'

Aspire - An NRA Super Learner has high aspirations for themselves and high standards for their learning. They have ambitions and support the ambitions of others. They are organised and take responsibility and care greatly about their learning to ensure they achieve the best they can.

Children revisit the Aspire value daily in class and weekly in our values assembly. This half term we will also be celebrating our value through 'Aspirations Week'. A week where children are able to consider future careers and aspirations through a range of visitors and special assemblies.

# Curriculum Focus

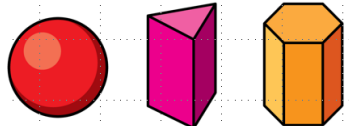
## English

Our book this term is a tale about a boy from modern times who has to fight creatures from Ancient Greek Myths—hence we are writing ‘Conquering the monster’ narratives!



## Maths

This half-term we will be looking at Shape before moving on to ‘position and direction’ and then decimal numbers.



## Science

Our topic this half term is Living Things. As well as growing different types of plants, we will look at how the life cycles of species differ.



## Computing

Our topic this half-term is Creating Media—Vector Graphics. We are learning how computers are used to form designs such as company logos.



## Art

Mrs Walsh is teaching us all about Art from Western Africa. This will involve the study of carvings, plaques and masks, amongst other things.



## Life Skills

This half-term’s topic is ‘Citizenship.’ As part of this, the whole school will be looking at the aspirations for the future.



## Music

We are learning about ‘Baroque’ music which is part of the early operatic movement—we are actually studying opera! The great thing is, children in the class have already tried their hand at singing in an operatic style!



## Geography

The region we are looking at this half-term is New Zealand. Whilst close geographically to Australia (our previous topic) there are many differences between the two countries.



## History

We are looking at another local topic—The Industrial Revolution. As you may know, our town grew rapidly during this time period, thanks to The Charles Burrell Steam Engine Factory.



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