

Year 5/6 Autumn newsletter

Welcome to a new school year and a new term. We say goodbye to our last year's year 6 but welcome a new class of children. We have some wonderful things planned and it will be a lovely term for us all.

Just a reminder that PE will be on a Wednesday, so children need to come into school with their pe clothes on. We start swimming at the end of the month, which will be on Wednesday mornings- I'll be in touch nearer the time with the timings.

Homework will be coming home on Mondays and is expected to be handed in by Thursday. Homework help club is Monday (Y6) and Wednesday(Y5) playtimes. Spelling tests will be on a Friday.

Our books

Our class book this term will be 'Who let the gods out?' by Maz Evans.

'When a young Zodiac goddess, Virgo, lands in his back garden, Elliot thinks he might see a way to resolve some of his difficulties but, instead, the pair manage to accidentally release Thanatos - the immortal death-daemon - from centuries of imprisonment.'

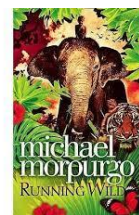


This is to complement our cornerstones work on 'Ground breaking Greeks.'

Our guided reading book is, 'Running Wild' by Michael Morpurgo,

'For Will and his mother, going to Indonesia isn't just a holiday. It's an escape, a new start, a chance to put things behind them - things like the death of Will's father.

And to begin with, it seems to be just what they both needed. But then Oona, the elephant Will is riding on the beach, begins acting strangely, shying away from the sea. And that's when the tsunami comes crashing in, and Oona begins to run. Except that when the tsunami is gone, Oona just keeps on running...'

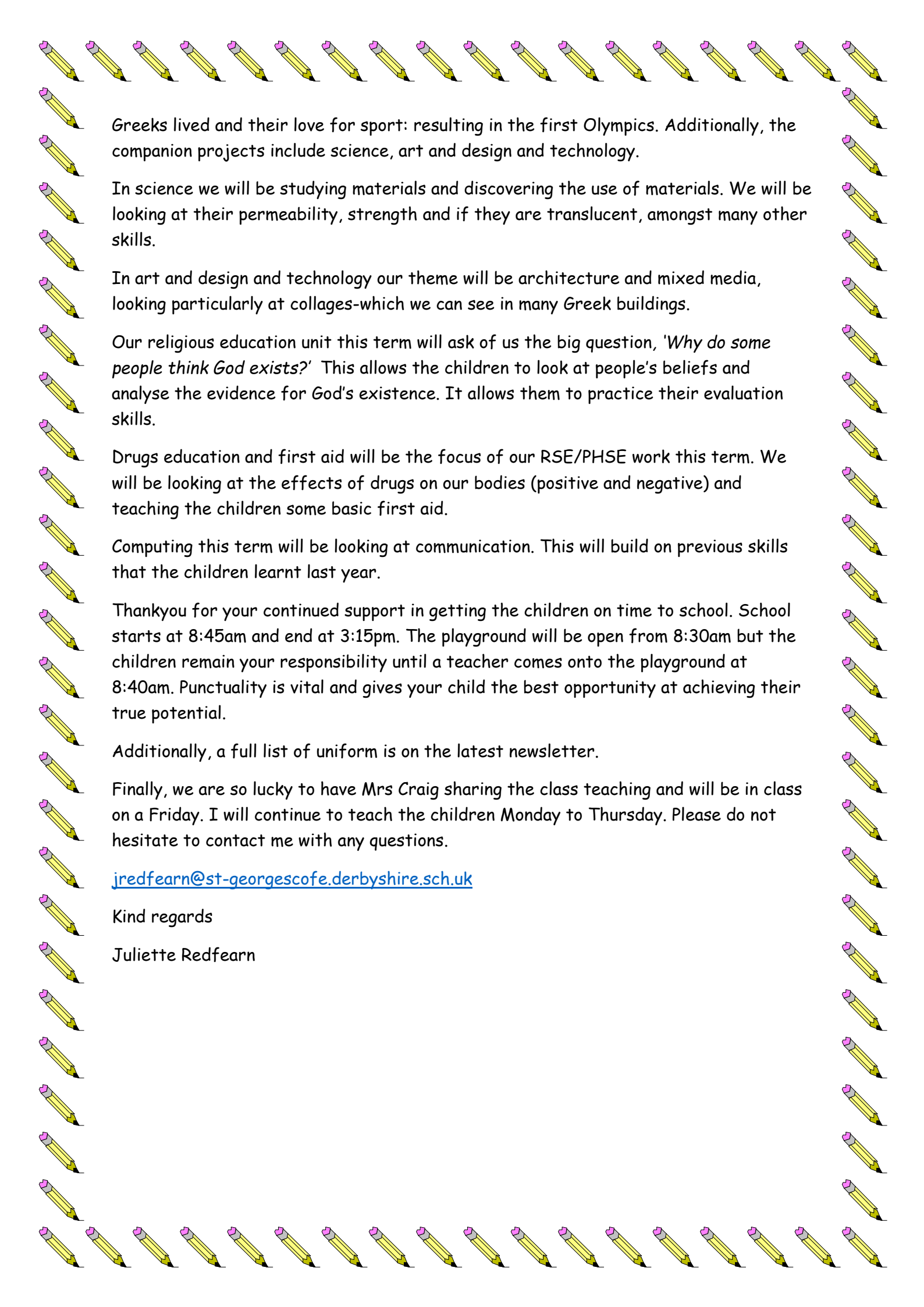


Our subjects

In maths we will be starting off with place value. We will be continuing with our Power Maths books, which the children are very confident with. This will be accompanied with weekly homework and an expectation that children will go on TT Rock Stars each week.

Our fiction genre in literacy will be characterisation, with our text being 'One chance' and our non-fiction genre will be journalism and creating a newspaper article. Children are also expected to go onto Spelling Shed and practice their spellings. We will be continuing with the three-week cycle of Talk4writing.

Our Cornerstones theme will be 'Ground-breaking Greeks', this will cover the history of Ancient Greeks and their impact on modern life. We will be looking at how the Ancient



Greeks lived and their love for sport: resulting in the first Olympics. Additionally, the companion projects include science, art and design and technology.

In science we will be studying materials and discovering the use of materials. We will be looking at their permeability, strength and if they are translucent, amongst many other skills.

In art and design and technology our theme will be architecture and mixed media, looking particularly at collages-which we can see in many Greek buildings.

Our religious education unit this term will ask of us the big question, 'Why do some people think God exists?' This allows the children to look at people's beliefs and analyse the evidence for God's existence. It allows them to practice their evaluation skills.

Drugs education and first aid will be the focus of our RSE/PHSE work this term. We will be looking at the effects of drugs on our bodies (positive and negative) and teaching the children some basic first aid.

Computing this term will be looking at communication. This will build on previous skills that the children learnt last year.

Thankyou for your continued support in getting the children on time to school. School starts at 8:45am and end at 3:15pm. The playground will be open from 8:30am but the children remain your responsibility until a teacher comes onto the playground at 8:40am. Punctuality is vital and gives your child the best opportunity at achieving their true potential.

Additionally, a full list of uniform is on the latest newsletter.

Finally, we are so lucky to have Mrs Craig sharing the class teaching and will be in class on a Friday. I will continue to teach the children Monday to Thursday. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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Kind regards

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