Half Way Through...

We can’t believe that we are beginning our fourth half term, which means that your child is already half-way through their time in Year 5!

English

Last half term, the year group thoroughly enjoyed reading our focus book *Oranges in no Man’s Land* so much so that we have listened to their wishes and decided to continue with this book this half term too. We will focus on writing narratives as well as speeches.

We will be complimenting our work with the following book: *The Journey*.

Maths

In our sets this half term, we will be focusing on:

- reading timetables
- area and perimeter
- units of measure
- shape
- problem solving using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Parents’ Evening...

Thank you to all parents and guardians who attended Parents’ Evening before half term to discuss your child’s progress in English and Maths.

During Parents’ Evening we gave out a leaflet detailing the expectations for Year 5 for English, Reading and Maths. The booklet also contained different ways you can support your child with these subjects. The booklet can be found on the Year 5 page of the website.

We will continue to assess progress throughout these next terms. If you have any concerns or wish to discuss anything. Please feel free to contact us.
This half term we will continue our topic of the 'Groovy Greeks'. The children will look at Greek achievements and their influence on the Western World.

In **Art and Design** the children will be designing and making their own CAM toy.

Our **PSHE** topic this half term is good to be me.

In **Science** we will be looking at the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. We will also look at describing the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

**PE** will continue to take place every week with an indoor and, where possible, outdoor session. This term we will focus on volleyball and football.

In **RE** the children will be learning about the connections between the Christian belief that Jesus' death was a sacrifice and how Christians celebrate Holy Communion/Lord’s supper. We will also be working on our Easter Assembly.

In **French** we will be looking at the language associated with the environment.

In **Music** the children will listen to and appraise a variety of jazz pieces. They will learn to play tuned instruments in a group and will improvise their own parts using jazz techniques.

**Reading:** Children will be coming home with reading books regularly. Please continue to encourage your children to read at home. Please initial their entries to show that you have heard or seen them read.

**Homework** will continue to be set on Fridays and we ask that it is returned by the following Wednesday. We do expect children's homework to be presented neatly. **Please sign completed homework and add any comments if necessary.**

**Spellings** will continue to be sent out and tested on Fridays and children will be encouraged to practise these whenever possible. Three sentences need to be written using three of the spelling words.