**Roman Fort Challenge**

We will be asking the children to create Roman shield, Roman Fort or a section of Hadrians’ Wall. This links into our study of why and how Romans built forts in Britain.

**Lantern Parade**

We are lucky enough to have a free workshop, with a professional artist, to create paper lanterns. Please put **Friday 22nd November** in your diaries: The Festival of Christmas Lights Celebrations are to be held on **Friday 22nd November 2019**, between **4pm and 5:30pm**. It would be lovely to have as many of our Year 5 pupils attend this after school event as possible and you are invited to attend with your child; staff will be attending parts of the celebration but **cannot** be responsible for pupils at this event.

**Homework**

All pupils will continue to receive daily and weekly homework, based on what has been covered in class.

Maths homework will be daily.

Spellings will be sent home, and tested, weekly.

A vocabulary building homework will be sent home weekly, usually a Friday.

We also encourage children to be reading regularly at home with a range of different texts and genres.

**The Great, The Bold and The Brave!**

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Puffins — Miss Edwards/Mr. Dockrell

Barn Owls—Miss Baker
English

This term we will be reading and exploring the book ‘The Adventures of Odysseus By Hugh Lupton. It is based on the return of Odysseus home after the Trojan War. We will be introduced to key Greek Gods and mythical creatures.

Overall aims of this teaching sequence:

- To create story boards of our own and well known stories
- To understand the features of a myth
- To explore the actions, choices and motivations of characters and draw inferences to aid our understanding of them
- To use paragraphs, strong sentences structures
- To interweave dialogue with action and description of setting

Mathematics

This term we are focusing on Operations: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division.

As a year group, we’ll be deepening our arithmetic skills. We are also exploring the following topics in class:

- Finding prime numbers, factors and common factors
- Adding and Subtracting up to 5 digits using the column method
- Multiplying two and three digit by one digit numbers.

Topic: The Great, The Bold and The Brave!

In History we will be looking at ancient civilisations, in particular the Romans in Britain and how/why they built forts. We will be producing mosaics for a whole school history time line.

Science: Circle of Life

Describes the differences in life cycles mammals, amphibians, insects & birds.

Describes the process of reproduction in plants (sexual & asexual) & animals.

Computing

Our topic is called ‘We are Cryptographers’ and we will be exploring Morse code and semaphore to look at how we keep messages secret and safe.

Immersive Reading

We are continuing with our novel ‘The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe’ by CS Lewis, reading together and answering comprehension questions. We have discussed the history of wardrobes and drawn maps of the settings in the book.

R.E.

Was Jesus the Messiah?

We will be looking at how the prophecies about Jesus and his birth fit into the Big Story of the Bible. We will discuss how Christians and non-Christians prepare for Christmas, and how Jesus’ birth inspires this holiday. We will also be visiting ‘Why? Christmas’ at St George’s Church.