



# Flax Hill Junior Academy

## Year 5 Newsletter – Spring 2, 2024



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### This half term, we are learning:

**English:** During this half term, our sentence stacking will include a unit of work based around a fantastic children's book called, *'The Nowhere Emporium'* by Ross Mackenzie.

**Maths:** This half-term, we will be learning about the following aspects of Maths: angles and co-ordinates; fractions, decimals and percentages; translation and the four operations.

**Science:** We will be learning about the changes that occur in different materials, *'Material World'*.

**History:** We will be learning about Ancient Greece.

**Geography:** Our geographical work will be based around rivers.

**Art / D&T:** The children will be using clay to recreate Ancient Greek artefacts, as well as participating in their latest Design and Technology day.

**Music:** The pupils will be listening to Hans Zimmer's *'Earth'* and using glockenspiels in their lessons with Mrs Walters.

**French:** In French, the children are learning about vocabulary associated with the weather.

**PSHE:** The children will be learning about health in a unit called, *'Healthy Me'*.

**PE:** In PE this half-term, the pupils will be performing a range of health related exercises.

**RE:** The children will be learning about Buddhist Worship and Beliefs.

**Computing:** During this half term, we will be 3D modelling through the school's Purple Mash subscription.

### Message from the teachers:

Incredibly, we are already half way through the academic year! We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching the pupils in this year group and look forward to more experiences and learning new things together during the second half of the academic year. Also, may we take this opportunity to remind you that you will also be able to book the next parents' evening appointment for your child during this half term. These will start from the week beginning Monday 26th February.

Reading remains a school focus; again, it is fantastic to see the pupils engaging and enjoying the books that they read. We appreciate your continued co-operation with this and cannot emphasise enough how important it is to instil a love of books in children from a young age.

### Suggested Home Learning Activities:

The most important thing you can do with your child is to encourage them to read. We hope that all children have the opportunity to read for at least 15 - 20 minutes every day at home. In school, the children in Year 5 have enjoyed reading independently upon arrival and reading their class reader together at the end of the school day.

With regard to Maths, times tables, number bonds and telling the time are other areas that children can benefit hugely from practising at home. Try to encourage your child to make the most of the school's subscription to *Times Tables Rock Stars* - a great way to practise timetables. Finally, we also set two pieces of homework each week: one will be paper based and one will be set on *Purple Mash*. Please encourage your children to give the homework a go!