



# Upper Junior Curriculum Newsletter



Autumn Term  
2021

It has been lovely to see the children back in school and we have been very impressed with their positive attitude to learning and we are enjoying being their teachers!

The Autumn edition of our newsletter is here to provide you with information about some of the topics and areas of study that we will be covering this term. For further information on our science and history learning, we are also sending home knowledge organisers.

*Parents* - Please help, support and encourage your children in their learning by familiarising yourselves with the Homework Timetable.

*Children* - Make sure you make your last year at Mickleover Primary School the best yet!

**Numeracy** - we will start by revising and developing our understanding of place value whilst continuing to develop our skills across the four number operations; apply our knowledge to a range of problems; and build on our mathematical understanding.

We will be revisiting many of the Year 5 objectives to consolidate our learning and ensure that we fully understand each concept.

A rapid recall of times tables facts underpins much of our maths learning and it is important so make sure that TT Rockstars is being used to really help with this.



Our topic for this Half-Term is 'It's All Greek to Me!!' Although this is a **History** based topic we will be looking at the human and physical **geographical** features of the country. After half-term, we will be completing a geography topic on World Biomes.

The focus of our work will be on what legacies the Ancient Greeks have left and what impact those legacies have on our lives in 2020. Some of our **Literacy** work will be linked to our Greek topic and will focus on myths and legends.



Our **Art** will link with our Topic work as we study Greek pots and vases. (Make sure your art aprons are in school ready - things are likely to get messy!)

In **Science**, we will be furthering our understanding of electricity and we will be putting this knowledge to use in in our **Design and Technology** topic where we will be designing and building our own electric vehicles.



In **Computing**, we will be thinking about how we can keep ourselves safe when online by considering what information we share about ourselves and how we interact online in a safe and responsible way.

After half-term, we will be learning about spreadsheets: how they can be created, edited and used.

We will be thinking back to the **French** we have already been taught as we continue to build up our vocabulary and conversation skills as well as our basic writing skills.



Our **RE** lessons will be focussing on what it means to be a Muslim in Britain today.

**Music, PHSE, PE and Games** will also be timetabled on a weekly basis.

*And finally...*

- Please ensure that **homework** is completed and returned on time. Also, make sure you learn your **spellings** for weekly spelling tests and apply the strategies that we talk about in class to help you to improve your spelling. Your homework diary will help you to organise your time and know what needs doing when!
- **Remember** to wear suitable kit for outdoor games sessions every week. (It is always a good idea to check the weather forecast to think about extra layers and suitable footwear and socks!)
- **Please** make sure that you have a **working pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and whiteboard pen** for each lesson.



*Advance warning:* We are hoping to have an in-school Greek day to conclude our topic, so have a hunt for any old sheets that you can adapt. More details will follow.

