

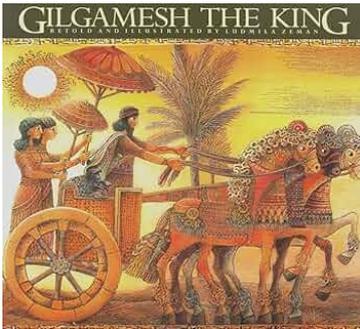


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Autumn 2 – welcome back!



Our learning this half term is based around the global theme **Peace and Conflict**.

Our core topic now focuses on historic civilisations around the world in our topic: *'What were the achievements of the earliest civilizations?'*

We will be reading our core text, 'Gilgamesh the King,' to lead our learning and to inspire our **English and reading lessons**. We will use this text to support writing our character descriptions.

We will also be exploring different texts about ancient civilizations, such as the non-fiction text, 'The Indus Valley Civilisation.' We will use this text to inspire writing our instructions.

- In our **maths** lessons, our focus will be addition and subtraction using the column method, later moving on to multiplication and division. **Please continue to support your child at home by learning times tables with a particular focus on the 3, 4, and 8 times tables.**
- In our **history** lessons, we will be learning about the life and inventions of the earliest civilisations.
- In **science**, our unit will be **rocks** where we will investigate different physical properties and uses.
- In **computing**, we will be learning about stop motion animation.
- During **RE**, we will continue to discuss the question 'What do different people believe about God?'
- In **DT**, we will be learning about pneumatic toys.
- In **PSHE**, we will be learning about relationships.
- In **music**, we will be learning about playing together to create harmonies.
- In **Physical Education**, our units will be **dance** and **ball skills**.

On **Tuesday** and **Fridays**, please ensure that your child wears their PE uniform to school and keeps it on all day. Children can wear shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings with a school-coloured t-shirt and hoodie or school jumper if cold. Please remove earrings and tie back long hair. Thank you.

Other reminders

Please continue to help and support your child by **reading 3 times per week at home per week**. Children have all been given individual folders containing all the stationery they will need. They do not need to bring in pencil cases from home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me through the school office email or speak to me at the end of the day.

Kind regards,

Mr Channing