



# Akrotiri School



## Year 5

Australia class (Mrs Ashford) and Fiji class (Mr McKenna)  
Autumn term 1 2020 - Information Guide

**Welcome to Year 5! This half term our focus will be all about settling back into school and into Year 5. We will also be developing and creating a class identity around our class names. All classes in the school are named after a country which will take part in the 2021 Olympics in Japan.**

Our learning this half term will encompass a range of skills to support the whole curriculum.

**English:** We will be writing our own myths and legends based around the legend of Robin Hood. We will also be writing detailed character descriptions.

**Maths:** We will be consolidating and developing our understanding of: place value in numbers to one million, addition and subtraction of whole numbers with more than 4 digits, reading line graphs and reading and interpreting information presented in different types of tables.

**Science:** Our Science learning will focus on describing the differences between the life cycles of different animals and describing how some animals and plants reproduce.

**Art:** We will be developing our drawing skills through careful sketching of still life and historical buildings.

**Geography:** We will be developing our understanding of world geography through identifying continents, countries, cities and key geographical features.

**History:** We will be learning about the history of Cyprus specifically focusing on the period when Richard the Lionheart ruled until the Ottomans settled in Cyprus.

### Visits and enrichment

All Year 5 children will have the opportunity to learn a brass instrument this term. The children will also have swimming lessons on Thursdays during this first half term starting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

### Home learning

We will be sending home learning books home each Thursday from the 17<sup>th</sup> September. The home learning opportunities will be linked to the week's class learning in English and maths.

### Reading

Reading regularly at home is crucial to ensuring children's progress as readers. Our expectation of reading in Year 5 is that the children read at least three times a week at home, for a minimum of one hour in total. It is important that your child's reading book and reading diary come into school **every day**. The children need to use their reading diary to keep a record of their reading. Each week there is a space for a 'reading reflection'. Guidance on completing this section will be given to the children. Reading diaries will be monitored weekly by Mrs Ashford and Mr McKenna.

**Spelling** A spelling list will be sent home each Monday and tested on the Friday of that week. We will be focusing on both particular spelling patterns and also the statutory Y5/6 words from the National Curriculum.

### USEFUL INFORMATION

**PE:** PE days for Year 5 are Monday and Wednesday.

**Swimming:** Year 5 will be swimming every Thursday from **17.09.20 – 22.09.20**.

**Library Day:** All children in Year 5 will visit the library every week. Mrs Ashford's class on a Tuesday and Mr McKenna's class on a Thursday. Please ensure library books are in school on this day to change.

**SeeSaw:** please ensure that you have connected to Class SeeSaw to receive messages and see pictures of your child's learning. Please see your child's teacher if you haven't connected.

**Forest School:** children will need Forest School clothes on a Monday.

It has been lovely seeing your children come into school so refreshed and ready for learning after the summer holidays. As the weather is very hot at the moment, please ensure children have hats, drinks and you have applied sun cream to them before they come to school.