

YEAR 5

at Whaplode Primary



WELCOME BACK

Hello and welcome back, after what I hope was an enjoyable summer break! It was certainly a warm one. As you may know, my name is Mr. Fulstow and I am very pleased to be working here at Whaplode in Year 5.

MATHS

This coming term, we will be looking at place value in greater depth, taking the children's knowledge up to one million. Their understanding of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) will also be further developed from their previous successes by practising fluency, reasoning and mastery. As an additional aspect the children will also explore Roman numerals and see how they are linked to our own number system.

ENGLISH

Over the next few weeks we will be developing their knowledge of vocabulary and technical features by exploring the genres of Non-Chronological Reports and Information Text. Not only will they identify the key features but will also look closely at the technical aspects of each style's writing, how different audiences require a different voice, first or third person and begin to develop and use other elements within their writing. This will also be linked to their topic through their final written pieces.

A LITTLE ABOUT ME!

It is always a little daunting at the beginning of each year, to see your child go to another class especially if there is an unknown adult. So may I take this opportunity to let you know a little about myself.

My name is Mr. Fulstow and I have been married for 28 years to a lady I met at the Isle of Ely art college many years ago, at the age of 17. Since then, we have been lucky enough to have three children who are now grown up and doing their own thing... even though they still manage to empty my fridge of food.

It was during this time I was able to volunteer at our children's local village school and juggle my working hours to suit both needs. This concluded in taking a Teaching Assistants position for a year before moving to a Peterborough school as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant.

For six years I worked full time at the Peterborough school whilst studying for my degree, which culminated in taking on the challenge of teacher training, which the school kindly helped sponsor.

I now look forward to working with Year 5 at Whaplode this year and getting to know all their characteristics as well as meeting all their parents and guardians.

May I just add, if you have any issues or concerns during the year, please do not hesitate to contact us. I am always happy to discuss or help if I can.

Kindest regards

Mr. Fulstow



TOPIC

Our topic is 'Ancient Greece' and will provide us with the opportunities to explore their art, history, geography, myths and legends. We will start the topic with a WOW day, where we will have the children making pitta bread, trying Greek foods, experiencing the Ancient games and many other fun activities. They will have the chance to understand and research the Ancient Gods and how they ruled specific areas of the Greeks' lives, the importance behind their most famous myths and how landscapes beliefs and people have changed over time.

SCIENCE

This term we will be exploring 'Changing states' in a variety of different ways using observations and experiments'. The children will develop their understanding of how states can be changed and whether these states can be reversed.

PE AND SWIMMING

Could I please ask you to have both PE and swimming kits in school on Fridays. Year 5 will be having PE with Miss Cox in the first afternoon session, where they will be developing their hockey skills. They will then be swimming in the second session, where the class will be in two groups to for their lessons.

HOMEWORK

This will be set every Thursday and brought back in on the following Thursday. It will include spellings, times table and something class related.

APPEAL

The school is always looking for helpers that are interested in volunteering in our wonderful school, especially if they are perhaps considering a career in education.

If this is something you have or are considering, please speak to the office or a member of staff about coming in to help.