



# Flax Hill Junior Academy

## Year 5 Newsletter – Spring 2, 2025

Mr Coleman, Mrs Pagan, Mr Williams & Mrs Brackley



### This half term, we are learning:

**English:** During this half term, our sentence stacking will include a unit of work based around Katherine Rundell's book called 'The Explorer'.

**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 how to read, write and say the date.

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

**PE:** In PE this half-term, the pupils will be learning badminton with Mr Cross.

**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:

We are already halfway through the academic year, which is truly remarkable. It has been a pleasure to teach the pupils in this year group, and we eagerly anticipate further experiences and continued learning in the second half of the year. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that parents' evening appointments for your child will be available for booking during this half term.

Reading continues to be a key focus within the school. It is wonderful to see the pupils actively engaging with and enjoying the books they read. We sincerely appreciate your continued support in fostering this habit and we cannot stress enough the importance of cultivating a love for reading in children from an early age.

### Suggested Home Learning Activities:

The most significant support you can offer your child is to encourage them to read regularly. We recommend that all children have the opportunity to read for at least 15-20 minutes each day at home. At school, the Year 5 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed engaging in independent reading upon arrival and participating in group readings of their class reader at the end of the school day.

In relation to Mathematics, practising times tables, number bonds, and telling the time at home can be immensely beneficial. We encourage you to support your child in making the most of the school's subscription to Times Tables Rock Stars, which provides an excellent way to practise their multiplication skills. Additionally, we assign two pieces of homework each week: one will be paper-based and the other will be set on Purple Mash. Please encourage your child to complete these tasks to the best of their ability.