

Friday 9th September 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

Can I start by saying that I hope that you all had a lovely Summer holiday. The new term is now upon us and I hope that your child has enjoyed settling back into school life and is looking forward to the term ahead.

Our topic this term is 'The Ancient Greeks' and we will be looking back at some of the key events that occurred during this influential and really interesting period in time. We will also be looking at how the development and culture of the Ancient Greeks compared to other events/people in different parts the world at the same time in history, as well as linking things that we see today to the Ancient Greeks to gain an understanding of the legacy that they left behind. To complement the topic, we will be reading the book 'Odysseus – Super Hero' as a class. Some of our work in English will be linked to this book and other Greek Myths, whilst many other areas of the curriculum this term will also be linked to the history topic as a whole.

Our P.E. lessons this term will be on Mondays and Tuesdays. On Monday afternoons, pupils will complete both a P.E. and Outdoor Learning lesson. Please could all pupils arrive at school on Mondays wearing clothes suitable for both the Outdoor Learning and P.E. lessons. Pupils will also need to bring a pair of wellies in a carrier bag so that they can change into these for their Outdoor Learning lesson, before putting their trainers back on for their P.E. lesson. Please also send in a coat suitable for the weather each Monday – only really extreme weather would stop us from completing the lesson, so the pupils do need to be prepared in the event of rain etc.

Spellings will continue to be set weekly and handed out on Monday mornings, with spelling patterns continuing to be studied within English lessons. Spelling tests will be on Friday mornings, and pupils should be recording spelling test scores in their diaries, along with the test date.

We will also be handing out to the pupils a 'Learning Log' in the next week or so. This is a book in which pupils will complete homework tasks over the course of the year. At the front of their log, the pupils will stick in a task sheet which will include a choice of fun homework tasks linked to this term's topic. Pupils can complete the tasks at their own pace over the course of the term, earning points for the quality and quantity of the tasks completed. At the end of the term, certificates will be handed out reflecting the number of points earned. There is no set deadline for any of the tasks, but please could we ask that when your child does complete a task, they bring in their learning log on the following Monday morning for it to be marked.

It is really important that your child(ren) also read to an adult regularly, and any time spent at home supplementing the time the pupils spend in school reading will really be of benefit to them. Could you please sign and date in your child's diary whenever you listen to them read?

TTRockstars will continue to be available as a resource to help your child learn their times tables facts. When entering Year 5, the aim is that pupils know all of the multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 off by heart, demonstrating the ability to rapidly recall the answers to these facts. If your child hasn't reached this point, please support them in this area by ensuring that they regularly access TTRockstars at home.

Many thanks for your continued support. If you have any concerns or queries about anything at all, please don't hesitate to either pop in to school or phone me for a chat.

Kind regards,

Mr. P. Batchford.