

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, after a lovely Summer. Our history topic this term is 'Ancient Greece' – we will be studying this culture and using it to provide inspiration for our genre writing in English. As well as much of our work in English, many other areas of the curriculum this term are also linked to this period of history, such as Art, Computing and D.T. Learning Log tasks will be given out near the beginning of the term.

Our P.E. lessons this term are on Monday with swimming lessons being held on Wednesday afternoons. Children will need a 50p piece for the lockers, and swimwear which meets the education authority's guidelines – swimming shorts must be above knee length, costumes should be one piece, long hair must be tied back and children may bring goggles.

Outdoor learning lessons will also be on Monday afternoons for Mr. Sharpe's class. Please could pupils wear a weather appropriate outdoor learning kit to school on this day – the lesson is at the end of the day so pupils will **not** need to bring uniform to change into. They will however, definitely need to wear shoes or trainers and bring wellies to change into for the lesson.

Spellings will be set weekly from our 'Spelling Shed' resource 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 will be recording spellings in their diaries to learn each evening at home.

It is vitally important that your children 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. We ask that your child reads for at least 15 minutes per day, with some discussion or questioning to ensure they understand what they have read. Could you please sign the day in their diary when you listen to your child read each day – each completed diary page wins them a reward.

Children also need to learn their table facts, as it underpins many other areas of the Maths curriculum – please encourage them to practice this vital skill regularly as well. This can be done using a tables booklet or online using TT Rockstars, which allows us to track their improvement each week.

Many thanks for your continued support. If you have any concerns or queries about anything, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards,

Mr. P. Sharpe