



'Being Better Every Day'

Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter – Term 1

We are excited to share our first curriculum newsletter of the new school year! We have some great units planned for this school year. For each unit, we will share a newsletter about the term ahead and an overview of the learning.

In Term 1, our first unit title is 'Who let the Gods out?'

We will be taking you back to 800BC, to the beginning of life in ancient Greece. Throughout this unit, the children learn about early ancient Greek democracy, the social structure of the era, who they worshipped and the rivalry between Athens and Sparta. It is a rich, fascinating era that the children will love learning about.

During this unit, your child will answer the key concept question:

'What impact have the ancient Greeks had on our civilisation today?'



(We have attached a 'Knowledge Organiser' for this unit, providing an overview of the topic; this should be a useful resource for pupils and parents.)

Home Learning Project

For each unit, we will ask your child to complete a home-learning project. We ask that every child has a go at completing a project that can be brought into school. For this unit, we would like your child to complete a portrait of a Greek God or make a 3D model of a Greek weapon or building.

Alternatively, your child may want to do one of the projects listed below:

- A collage of Greek artefacts.
- A fact-file about Mount Olympus
- Prepare a presentation about demi-gods (E.g. Hercules, Jason, Perseus, Achilles).

Your child may wish to come up with their own idea for their home learning project. They may wish to complete their project by themselves or need your support in completing their project – either is fine and we look forward to see them.

Images

Below are some images to inspire your home-school projects.



We have also included a list of websites you could explore at home to help your child with their learning.

Useful Websites:

BBC Schools: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/greece/10-facts-about-the-ancient-greeks/>

https://www.ducksters.com/history/ancient_greece.php

Home learning projects should be completed by the week beginning **Monday 21st October**. If you have any questions about the home learning project, please contact your child's class teacher. We hope to see these soon and put them on display!

Additional Homework

Your child will receive a grid of optional homework activities. These pieces of work can be handed in to the class teacher as they are completed.

Year 6 children will also receive additional SATs materials to use at home later in the year.

Reading

Reading is an important skill that children learn, and we expect every child to read at home every day. In Year 6, we expect every child to read with an adult for a minimum of 25 minutes every day. Reading takes on many forms and can take place just about anywhere, including the reading of labels and signs, as well as in magazines and comics. Parents and carers should record the daily reading activity in your child's reading record and send it in daily.

Times Tables

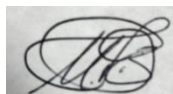
Knowing your times tables unlocks so many problem-solving skills in other areas of maths. Having quick recall skills of these crucial number facts are vital when answering many questions in all areas of maths. Due to this, we would like the children to be practising their times tables every day for at least **25 minutes**. The children all have an individual account for **Times Table Rock Stars** account, which they can use to support their learning. The aim is for all children to improve and learn all their times tables facts, up to 12 x 12. This is the Government expectation for all pupils by the end of Year 4, so in Year 6 it is crucial that children know them by practising them regularly.

PE

This term, our PE lesson will take place on **Friday** afternoon for both classes. Your child should wear their PE kit to school on this day to maximise lesson time. As our lessons will be outside, please ensure your child has their Oakwood PE kit and trainers for the lessons.

We hope your child will have a happy and settled start to the new school year- let's have fun!

Yours sincerely,



Mr Bardot

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Miss Elms

Parks class

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