



11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the spring term 2019. We hope you have enjoyed a lovely winter break and your child is now ready for the hard work we have prepared for them this term.

The information in this letter outlines the learning experiences that your child will be enjoying this term. The Year 5 team are here to help and support you and your child at Templewood School.

**Class teacher- Mr L Holloway**  
**Teaching Assistants– Mrs J Player & Mrs Gilhooly**

Spring Term Curriculum

The following outlines some of the curriculum activities that the children will be working on this term:

Theme	The Ancient Greeks
Literacy	Macbeth (finish from the previous term) Myths and legends- story writing Mystery stories Diaries Autobiographies Arguments Debates Play
Mathematics	Problem solving (all 4 operations) Multiplying fractions by whole numbers Fraction problem solving Measure and converting units of measure Volume and capacity Area and perimeter Reflection/translation Percentages 3D shapes from 2D representations
Science	Properties of Materials – reversible and irreversible changes All living things – the life cycle of plants
ICT	Tessellations Blogs
Art	Modelling clay pots Examining Sculpture
Design and Technology	Moving Toys (finish from the previous term) Model making Food preparation
History	The Ancient Greeks Athens Vs Sparta Greek Soldiers and Warfare The Parthenon Democracy Greek Gods Greek Theatre, philosophers and thinkers The Legacy of the Greeks

Geography	The Geography of Greece
RE	Special Places The Christian festival of Easter
PE	Gymnastics Invasion games
Music	Rounds Chord recognition
PSHE	Living in the wider world
French	Healthy eating, return of spring, Olympics

### Home School Link Book

Every child has a Home School Link Book in which they record their homework and reading each week. Please check and sign your child's book each week. These books are handed in every Monday.

### Learning Logs & Homework

#### Reading

Children are expected to take responsibility for their own recording of reading in their Homework Book. They need to read 3 times a week and make comments on what they have read. However, your child can read and record more often if they wish.

#### Spelling

Children will be issued with spellings on a Monday, which they must learn for a test on the following Friday.

#### Learning Log

The topics of this will vary from week to week according to our subject focus. Each week you will be given a Maths or an English task as well as another task which will vary weekly, depending on what we are studying. Children should spend approximately 45 minutes on their learning log task. Learning Logs are given out on Thursdays and should be returned to school the following Tuesday.

#### P.E

Our P.E. sessions are changing to **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Although much of this term's PE will be indoors, all children need a labelled PE kit and trainers for when we go on the field. If the children do not have their PE kit, they will be unable to take an active part in the lesson. If this was to happen on a continuous basis you will be sent a reminder.

#### Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears appropriate school uniform at all times. We can return any uniform that is named but it is more difficult with unnamed clothing.

Each child is expected to have a pair of black indoor shoes (not plimsolls) to wear whilst in school. Shoes will be changed at break and lunch times, therefore it is essential that your child has these.

#### Timetable

Your child will have a timetable attached to their Home School Link Book in order for them to keep track on the equipment they will require on a daily basis. We hope that this will also encourage the children to organise their school bag at home.

#### Educational Visits/Workshops

Each term we look at the appropriateness of planning educational visits and workshops to support our topic areas. We are only able to run the visits and workshops with the support of your voluntary contributions. This term in we hope to visit the Ancient Greek galleries at the British Museum.

If you have any queries or worries, please do not hesitate to contact us and arrange an appointment.

We look forward to working in partnership with you and your child.  
Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr L Holloway

Year 5 Class Teacher