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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year and thank you all for the wonderful gifts you sent in. We really appreciate it. This term will be just as busy as last term, with lots of exciting new topics to cover. This letter aims to outline the main areas we will be covering so that, if you wish, you may help your children at home with finding out information or getting books from the library. We would like to thank you for all the support you provide from home and would appreciate all your help again this term as it makes such a big difference to the children's confidence in different areas. Our overarching theme this term is the Ancient Greeks which will be used to access and stretch lots of the children's skills and enhance their learning. Later on in the term we will be having an 'Ancient Greece' day where the children will come in dressed as an Ancient Greek mortal/God/Goddess/creature and take part in various activities throughout the day. We will send more details home before half term.

In English, we will be studying Greek myths and legends and persuasive texts to coincide with our History topic, and shape poetry where they will look at how to lay out, organise and present their work effectively. The children expressed a keen interest in drama last term therefore we will continue to access some of our topics with the aid of drama. The children will be continuing with their spelling lessons and spellings will be given on a Monday every 4 weeks. The date at the top of each column is the date the spellings are to be learnt for. Home Learning will be given on a Monday to be handed in on the Friday. The children will be focusing on writing skills this term, where they will be given exercises, which focus on the technical aspects of writing such as ambitious vocabulary, conjunctions, openers and punctuation, and their impact on grammar. We cannot stress enough the importance of hearing your child read as much as possible. Please boost your child's confidence and language skills by hearing them read at least 3 times a week and recording it in their diary with a signature.

In Maths, we will be looking at Perimeter and Area, the using and applying of Multiplication and Division, Factors, Fractions and Percentages, and Measures – cm, m, g, kg, mm, l, ml, etc. It is important to realise that children's understanding is much improved when it comes to using resources and equipment to help them work out a calculation. If you notice your child is struggling with a particular concept, try to be as practical as possible when aiding them. This includes the use of ICT which is an invaluable resource to consolidate and extend children's learning.

In other areas of the curriculum such as Science, we will be looking at electricity. The children will learn about the use of batteries, electromagnets, motors, circuit diagrams, as well as power stations and environmentally friendly power stations. For the second half term we will be looking at solids and liquids and how they can be separated. The children will learn about reversible and irreversible changes and work a lot with measuring volume. Reading scales can be a tricky concept for children, particularly if numbers are missing from the scale. Any practical work at home will support your child, even as simple as using measuring jugs to find volumes of water.

In PSHE we will be covering Economic Wellbeing where the children will learn to understand that there is a range of ways to pay for things (some involving debit/credit/borrowing) and that these could have consequences. We will look into keeping our money safe and ways of managing our money to suit the lifestyle we choose.

In P.E this term, the children will be studying two topics: Dance and Tag Rugby. These activities will take place both inside and outside (weather permitting) so please make sure your child has outdoor trainers and warm clothing such as jogging bottoms, a sweatshirt or similar and maybe even gloves available in their PE kits for outdoor use during the colder weather! In Tag Rugby the children are allowed to wear the plastic moulds on Rugby shoes but not metal studs. Kits are likely to get very muddy (as you may already be aware!) so will therefore need washing every week.

If you have any questions relating to any of the topics we are covering, please do not hesitate to come and see us. Similarly, if you have any other concerns regarding your child, please make an appointment to see us.

Yours truly,

Mrs C Gray

Mrs Coates-Reynolds

Mrs Snow

Mrs Coleman