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Redwoods New Term Letter

Ancient Greece- Myths and Monsters

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term. I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer holiday and are refreshed for the new term.

This term, in Redwoods Class, we will be studying the topic of The Ancient Greeks. We have worked hard to tie in our curriculum subjects to this fascinating topic. We have attached a topic plan for your information so that you can see what we intend to cover over the course of the term.

The children are all very excited and enthusiastic about our new topic, so please help to keep the enthusiasm going at home as well as at school. Perhaps you could assist your child with research on the internet or collecting a couple of books from the library, or let your child watch some of the BBC Ancient Greece documentaries and Horrible Histories.

As I am sure you are aware, Year 5 and 6 are very important school years for your children as we do tend to cover more intensive, formal learning and prepare the children for their SAT testing- which takes place in the summer term for Year 6 children. I have added some web links with information about SATs to our class webpage for your information and will be giving out more information nearer the time.

The children will receive new spellings lists each week. These will be sent home on Monday in preparation for their test on a Friday. Your child should be reading at home each night, recording this in their homework diaries and practising times tables every evening as well. A formal piece of English and/or maths homework will be sent home each weekend- we would really appreciate your support with this. We will also be asking the children to recap the learning from school each day by completing "extension" and "intervention" tasks at home. The children will be issued with a new school Year 5/ 6 specific Homework Diary, complete with timetable. This should be used to note down reading, homework tasks, messages and other important information. We would appreciate you checking and signing their homework diary on Thursday nights and returning to school on Fridays.

Forest school will be held on Tuesday afternoons along with one P.E session, the other PE session will be on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for these activities each day and wears proper school uniform the other days of the week.

Please ensure that your child has a fully labelled water bottle in school every day, along with a sun hat or cap on warm sunny days and a rain jacket for break times and outdoor sports sessions.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and thank you for your continued support for what promises to be a very exciting term!

Yours sincerely,

Miss R Kime

