



10th January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new term and a New Year. We look forward to all the amazing things we shall be learning about in the forthcoming year.

Our spring term topic is '**It's All Greek to Me!**' which will be linked across all the curriculum areas. Children will be developing their knowledge and skills through a variety of stimulating and interesting activities. Please see the information attached to this letter or the website for more information.

As our topic this term is '**It's All Greek to Me!**' specifically focusing on a variety of aspects of Ancient Greek Life and comparing it with our lives. We shall be researching; housing; location; worship; market life; food; clothing; entertainment; and education.

We will be immersed in the Ancient Greek way of life through interactive workshops and a trip to the British Museum. School trips hugely enhance children's learning and are an enjoyable, shared experience for all. Without your contributions and assistance, opportunities to go on school trips cannot happen. We appreciate your continued support to help make these fantastic experiences possible!

This term the children in Year Three will have **P.E.** on **Thursdays** and **Fridays**. Thursday will continue to be the swimming session (from the 24th January 2019), so please ensure that your child has the appropriate school P.E./swimming kit, you can see the information about this on the website. P.E. is a very important part of your child's learning and as a school we have decided that children should **bring their kit on a Monday and leave it on their peg until Friday**, when it will be sent home to be washed over the weekend. The reason for this is that sometimes the PE times change or the hall/PE coach/ outside areas are unavailable so by having their kit in everyday, they won't miss out.

Each child will receive a **reading book** every day along with a reading record in their book bag. Remember children should be reading an appropriate book each evening, for a recommended 15 minutes per evening, with you and this is recorded in the **reading record**. Please use this diary to keep a record of what your children are reading (writing a comment regularly will ensure that your child is reading and will provide valuable information to the class teacher). On **Fridays** home learning will be uploaded to the year 3 web page, this will include maths, English and spelling. Every **Wednesday** children will bring this back to school where it will be celebrated and enjoyed by everybody in the class. Home Learning is an important part of your children's learning and progress and we strongly encourage that it is completed each week.

Please ensure that your child brings a **water bottle** to school daily as rehydration promotes concentration on learning. Also if you have any old aprons, shirts, magazines, newspapers or recycling that could be used for art activities please do bring them into school.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Year 3 Staff.

Kind regards,

Mr O'Brien, Mr Thompson. Miss Fynaut and Miss Sue.

(The Year Three Team)

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