

Dear Parents,

This is an outline of the subjects we will be covering next half-term – Spring 2.

<b>Year 6 Summer 1</b>	<b>Key question:</b> Why were the Greeks so influential? <b>Great work:</b> Plan and implement a 'Mini Olympics'.
<b>Topic</b>	Our topic this term is the Ancient Greeks. On the first day back, we will begin by reading some of Aesop's fables and transferring these into a short play script. The children will be making puppets to act out their fable to the rest of the class on the day. Throughout the term, we will be investigating how ideas first developed by the Ancient Greeks continue to play a role in current life, such as democracy, mathematics, theatre, medicine, philosophy and various inventions. Our learning will culminate in a 'Mini Olympics' - our own version of the original Ancient Olympics.
<b>English</b>	In English we will be learning about the Greek Myths and rewriting one of the most well-known, the story of Daedalus and Icarus. In line with our Topic lessons, we will be working towards writing a non-chronological report about the influences of Ancient Greece in our current way of life. We will also continue to prepare the children for their end of Year SAT assessments through further development of their grammar, punctuation and comprehension skills.
<b>Maths</b>	In Maths we will be focusing on measurement covering several topics: converting units, perimeter, area and volume. We will also cover ratio as well as continue to prepare the children for their end of Year SAT assessments through further development of their arithmetic and reasoning skills.
<b>Science</b>	Our science topic this half term is 'light'. We will begin by labelling the different parts of the human eye to explain how it works. The children will then use the concept that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye. Finally, we will investigate why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.
<b>PE</b>	In PE, we will be focusing on Gymnastics, involving sequences and vaults. In Games, we will be improving our cricket skills. PE days are <b>unchanged</b> this term: 6Z: Monday and Thursday 6SK: Monday and Thursday 6M: Thursday and Friday
<b>RE</b>	In RE, we will be looking at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>The Contemporary Anglican Church</i> - We will look at different types of worship within the church, how Christians feel close to god and comparing Anglican churches across the world.</li> <li>- <i>How does the Christian Festival offer Hope?</i> - We will explore how forgiveness, hope and salvation are shown in the Easter story.</li> </ul>
<b>PSHCE</b>	This term we will continue our unit on 'Respect', in which we think about what respect is, respect in the community and respecting differences on a local through to global/cultural scale.
<b>Music</b>	In music, we will be researching Benjamin Britten's life and listening to many of his works, particularly 'A New Year Carol' which will form our focus.
<b>Computing</b>	We are adventure gamers – the children will be creating code for an adventure game linked with our topic of the Ancient Greeks.
<b>DT</b>	We will be designing and making clay vessels inspired by daily life in Ancient Greece, for example a perfume container or an urn for serving drinks.
<b>French</b>	In French, we will be revising key vocabulary (such as asking where someone lives/what someone likes to do), and our new topic will be 'Café vocabulary', for example ice creams and flavours. We will then apply this knowledge in our conversation practice
<b>Key Dates</b>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February – SATs meeting for parents Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February – Scholastic Book Fair Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March – Parent Consultations Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – Children come in character costume or pyjamas Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March (evening) Year 6 Quiz & Curry Night Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March (afternoon) All of Year 6 to Holly Lodge – Junior Citizen course Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March – 6Z only attending Y1 Puffins assembly ( Infant Site) Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March – Easter Service, St Mary's Church 10am (led by Y5) Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March – Ancient Greek Day (All day – children may wear appropriate costumes) Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April – NHS Y6 Heights and Weights check

**Homework:** we will continue to give out homework on a daily basis. The children will now be required to complete one piece of English and one piece of Maths revision each day, Monday through Thursday. We ask that they not work ahead, as we would like them to concentrate on securing the one skill that day. On Fridays, homework will be reading and practising times-tables – remember you can use Times Tables Rock Stars! Children will also be given spellings for the half term and the dates they will be tested (these will be stuck into the back of each homework book). As always, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us before or after school.

Yours sincerely,

Year 6 class teachers