



# QUEENSWAY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

## **Happy New Year!**

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable winter break. I am writing to welcome you back after the holidays and explain what we are going to be teaching in Year 5, up to Easter.

### **Year Five Spring Curriculum**

Our topic this term is called "*It's All Greek to Me*", which focuses on the legacy of Greek culture on art, architecture and literature and links our English, History, Geography and Art curriculum.

<b>English</b>
In English in Term 3, we will be exploring a variety of Ancient Greek Myths and Legends, linked closely with our Humanities topic. The children will become authors of their very own Greek Myths by developing mythical beasts and creating narratives, whilst learning about the key features and characteristics of Myths and Legends. They will focus on developing their descriptive writing through using a range of devices: similes, metaphors, expanded noun phrases, interesting adverbs and relative clauses. In Term 4, the children will have opportunities to develop their formal tone through various non-fiction text types. They will explore journalistic writing linked to historical research and explanation writing about Earth and space.
<b>Mathematics</b>
In Maths, we will begin Term 3 recapping the children's place value knowledge, focusing on ordering and comparing numbers, as well as representing the value of each digit in a number. The children will then move on to multiplication and division, where they will not only be recapping previous learning but will also be using formal written methods of calculation, such as short division. Children will also be encouraged to practise their mental methods for multiplication and division. To end the term, we will be focusing on fractions, where the children will be adding and subtracting fractions, as well as converting improper fractions into mixed numbers. In Term 4, children will be focusing on geometry and measurement. Children will be looking at angles, estimating and measuring them and identifying the different angles, using the language acute and obtuse. They will then move on to capacity and volume, where they will be converting between different units of metric measure, such as kilometres and metres, before then using approximate equivalences between metric and imperial (pints or pounds).
<b>Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE)</b>
In PSHE this term and the following, the children will be learning about the importance of valuing differences and keeping themselves safe. We will be looking at the qualities of friendship, kind conversations and valuing the things that make us unique to be 'happy being me'. The children will think about what it means to be a good friend and describe ways that people can show friendship in school. Focusing on identifying and assessing risks, children will be exploring and discussing how to keep themselves safe both in and outside of school.

To find out what we are learning in all the other subject areas please look at the '**Knowledge Organisers**' which can be found on the school website.

### **What homework to expect and when**

- Homework will be given out on **FRIDAYS** to be handed in the following **THURSDAY**. Homework will consist of a Maths, English and Spelling task. We ask that children spend approximately 30 minutes on their Maths and English homework and approximately 15 minutes on their spelling homework. We continue to encourage children to read for 15-20 minutes each day. Please can you encourage the children to keep the same standard of handwriting and presentation as their class books.

### **Ways you can help your child**

- Please make sure that your children are reading at home. We will be sending home ways that you can help them by discussing their books, including using the reading bookmark sent home by your child's previous class teacher. Please come and talk to us if you would like some advice about what your child should be reading. We continue to encourage children to read for 15-20 minutes each day.
- Practical activities such as counting money and getting involved in cooking at home, weighing and measuring can also be a great way for children to relate their maths learning to everyday life.

### **PE days**

In Term 3, we will continue to have two PE sessions and they will take place on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. In Term 4, after February half-term, the children will begin their weekly swimming lessons.

Indoor Kit: navy shorts, white polo top/ t- shirt and plimsols.

Outdoor Kit: navy sweatshirt and joggers, trainers and a white t- shirt/ polo shirt.

Swimming Kit: Please refer to swimming letter.

(Please make sure that all items are clearly named).

### **Term 3 and 4 shared lessons**

- Term 3 – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – *Space Exploration*
- Term 4 – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - *Greek Olympics*

Finally, please remember to visit our blog at: <https://classroom.google.com/u/0/c/NTI2MTAzODk3NzY3>. This is a great way to find out what we have been up to in our class.

I look forward to working in partnership with you all this year.

Best wishes,

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Class Teacher