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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. Below is a short overview of what we will be learning about up until Easter. For more detailed information about what we are learning in all the other subject areas, please look at the 'Knowledge Organisers' which can be found on the Google classroom pages.

Year Five Spring curriculum- 'Who were the Ancient Greeks?'

English

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 on the subject of Earth and space.

Mathematics

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 understanding but will also be using formal written methods of calculation, such as long 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, identifying the different angles, such as 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 (such as pints or pounds).

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)

In PSHCE this term and the following, we will be learning about the importance of valuing differences and healthy relationships. We will be looking at the qualities of friendship, kind conversations, valuing the things that make us unique in order to be 'happy being me'.

What homework to expect and when

English and Maths homework will be given out on **FRIDAYS** to be handed in the following **THURSDAY**. Please can you encourage the children to keep the same standard of handwriting and presentation as their class books. We will be trying to promote independence this year so if there is a problem with homework, we encourage them to bring it back before it is due in to ask for help - this is a great habit to get into in preparation for secondary school.

Spelling homework: This will consist of either a spelling challenge or a list of words to learn for a spelling test the following week. This homework will be related to the spellings we are learning that week and will form an important part of building knowledge of different spelling patterns.

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. Please come and talk to us if you would like some advice about what your child should be reading. Don't forget we still have a library in our local area - it's free to join and is a great resource for topic books as well as novels.
- 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.
- If there are any problems with homework, please do not worry and have a stressful weekend trying to get it done! We are always happy to have children bring the homework back before it is due in to talk through with us. We try, as the children move into the last two years of primary school, to encourage independence as much as possible.
- Please ensure your child is logging on to their times tables rock stars account regularly. This will improve their rapid recall of the times tables facts, which will help them in all areas of mathematics.

Please feel free to come and ask questions of the staff in year Five if you need to.

PE days

On Wednesday morning with Mr Mawn and Wednesday afternoon for swimming. The session with Mr Mawn will be predominantly outdoors. Please ensure that your children have the appropriate clothing according to the weather.

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.

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

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

Best wishes,

Miss Penniston (Class Teacher)