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Dear Parent/Carer,

This year is flying by! The children are continuing to mature and impress us with their progress. They are showing resilience, determination and a love for learning.

As promised we are inviting you into school this term, to talk about preparation and arrangements for SATs . This meeting is planned for Monday 20th March at 3pm in the Space. We hope to see you all there for this information sharing session. Pupil specific questions will be addressed the following week at parents evening (Thursday 30th March).

We would also like to let you know what your child will be learning about this half-term. This is what our topics are in the key subjects:

Subject	What is covered	Things you can do at home
English	<p>Writing to Entertain The children will be writing the introduction to an epic battle inspired by Greek Myths. The voice and perspective the story is told from will shift so the children are writing as a narrator and in the first person. They must include dialogue and figurative language.</p> <p>Writing to Discuss After studying Greek lifestyles we will compare Athens and Sparta and present a balanced argument about both cultures.</p> <p>Reading Comprehension We will continue to teach the children reading skills: Vocabulary, Infer, Predict, Explain, Retrieve, Summarise.</p> <p>VGP Daily sessions will recap passive and active voice, KS2 punctuation, identifying and using clauses and conjunctions, modal verbs.</p> <p>Spelling Spelling patterns and Year 5/6 Spelling List</p>	<p>Research mythical beasts and heroes from Greek myths. Look for dialogue and discuss the punctuation when reading at home.</p> <p>Quiz your child about what they know about both Athens and Sparta.</p> <p>Please encourage your child to read at least 3 times a week, these reads should be logged in their reading records.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhrdd2p has details of all the grammar, punctuation and spelling rules the children have been taught. Crystal explorers games are a fun revision tool</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkbf4j/articles/zbm8scw -</p>
Maths	<p>We will be conducting our half-termly assessments during w/c 27th February to check progress and inform our planning to include:</p> <p>Geometry Ratio and Proportion Fractions, Decimals and Percentages</p>	<p>Continue to learn times tables which will be set on TTRS.</p> <p>Have a look at our daily 10 https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10</p>



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Science	Light <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shadows • Reflection • Bending Light • How do we see light and colour? 	Find out about Hans Christian Anderson. Write or follow instructions for making a kaleidoscope.
History	We will be exploring the themes below to answer the question: What did the Greeks do for us? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where and when was this era? • Everyday life • Athens vs Sparta • The Battle of Marathon • The Olympics • Trojan Horse 	
RE	Christianity: Salvation and the Easter Story	Discuss the key events in the Easter story. https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02mw94
Art	Form Skills (3D work) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can study 3D work from different cultures to develop their own response. • Can try to capture weight and scale in their work. • Can work from observation, memory or imagination. • Can plan, develop and evaluate 	This unit will link closely to our Ancient Greeks history unit. Looking at stadiums and amphitheatres. Researching famous architects and designers in history.
Computing	Quizzing,ext adventures	Keep an eye on Purple Mash for To-Dos!
Music	Ukuleles Will be delivered by the lovely Mrs Moore from the Music Service	Listen to a variety of music at home, share and enjoy your favourite songs and artists together.
PE	Net and Wall activities delivered by Mr Hunter.	Send your child into school wearing PE kit on a Monday
French	This is France - French Towns including famous people from France.	Ask your child to share what they have learnt and practice using the vocabulary by speaking French - Date, weather, colours, numbers, greetings.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday and should be completed at home and returned to school by the following Tuesday. Please help and encourage your child at home, and speak to a member of the year 6 team if you need any support.

We will also be sending home our arithmetic papers every week, please spend a little bit of time going through this with your child. We think you will be very impressed by what your children are achieving, and perhaps surprised by the expected standard!

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs H Kettle-Maile, Miss L Harman, Mrs K Allen
(Year 6 Teachers)





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