

5th January 2022

Dear Parents and Children,

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break and that Santa has brought you lots of lovely things. For the New Year, and new term, we are starting a new topic all about the Ancient Greeks. We will be diving into the myths and legends linked to the era and finding out about the daily life of the people who lived during this time. Our class story is about a normal boy taking on an ancient daemon, learning to trust his friends and finding the courage to take the right path even when it's the difficult one. Our book is called 'Who Let the Gods Out' by Maz Evans. I know it is always tempting to read the book at home - which you are more than welcome to do - but please do not read ahead of where we are in class as we will be doing lots of work linked to the book and reading ahead may spoil some of the work we are doing. As always, all our work this term has been inspired by our class story, so if you want more details about what we are learning this term, take a look at the Holistic Plan.

There are two main changes for our week this term.

- 1) We will be taking part in Forest School this term. Our session is on Wednesday morning. Please come to school wearing your forest school clothes and don't forget to bring your school uniform with you so you can get changed into it at lunch time.
- 2) Your P.E sessions will be on a Monday and Thursday afternoon. Please come to school on Monday and Thursday in your P.E. kit as normal.

Weekly Timetable

The doors will be open at 08:40 and will be closed and locked at 08:50. If you are running late, don't worry. Just head to the school office and nip in that way. Try and be here on time if you can because we will be starting our learning straight away! As soon as you come in, they'll be a task on the board ready for you to get stuck into.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
Maths	Maths	Forest School	Maths	Maths
Book Club (Steps to Read or Big Cat Books)	Book Club (Steps to Read or Big Cat Books)		Book Club (Steps to Read or Big Cat Books)	Book Club (Steps to Read or Big Cat Books)
Spelling or SPaG Activities	Spelling or SPaG Activities		Spelling or SPaG Activities	Spelling or SPaG Activities
Break	Break		Break	Break
English	English	Forest School	English	English
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
R.E.	Science, Computing, or Foundation Subjects	Maths	P.E.	Science, Computing or Foundation Subjects
P.E (Sportscape)		English	Music and/or PSHE	

The Term Foundation Subjects refers to Art, History, Geography, D.T and French

Forest School Information

We will be taking part in Forest Schools this half term. Our session is on a Wednesday morning. This means you will come to school already dressed for Forest Schools (see clothing list below). Please bring your normal school uniform into school too so you can change into it at lunch time. Forest School is a great opportunity to be outside and learn many new and wonderful skills. For the sessions, the children will need appropriate clothing that will protect them from extremes of weather, keep them covered to reduce the likelihood of cuts and scrapes, and is comfortable to be outside in for an extended period of time. The sessions could become muddy and wet. They will take place in the rain. Please see the clothing list below to ensure you come appropriately dressed.

Clothing list:

- Full length trousers/leggings/joggers, not jeans,
- Waterproof trousers (optional)
- Waterproof coat, with a hood (essential)
- Long sleeved top and layers to keep warm (these can be removed or added as needed)
- Wellies / walking boots / old trainers which can get wet or muddy
- Warm socks, and a spare pair

- Gloves and woolly hat – cold weather
 - Sun hat and sun cream: that fits well to ensure good visibility– sunny weather
- We work on the principle that “there is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing”.

Key Dates for this Term:

- **Bike Ability 11th and 12th January**

The class will be split into two groups. You will be told which session your child will be taking part in on a separate email.

- **Young Voices**

This has now been postponed to the Summer Term. Information will be sent out about it closer to the time.

- **Theme Day Tuesday 15th February**

Our Theme Day will be on Tuesday 15th February. For our Theme Day, please come in an Ancient Greece costume or a costume linked to one of our stories! If you would like to bring in some tasty Ancient Greek themed goodies then you're more than welcome too, but please don't feel like you have to though. If you are bringing something in, these will need to be shop bought and in wrappers due to Covid restrictions.

- **Class Worship – Shared Virtually This This Term**

Our class worship this term will be a virtual one. We will be sharing it with you in the second half of the Spring term via email. In the worship, we will share lots of videos which will document the wonderful things we have been up to on our courageous advocacy project to Save the Bees.

- **Educational Visit to be confirmed**

- For our educational visit this term, we will be joined for the day by an Ancient Greek as they take us back into the past (Covid restrictions allowing). To make sure our visitor feels at home, we will need to be dressed in costumes for our Educational Visit; you can use the same costume for our theme day. The date of our educational visit is still to be confirmed.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set each Friday. You will either have a SPaG.com or a Maths.co.uk piece of homework to complete. If you find that you've got a busy week on and you can't quite get your homework done, don't worry because I will run homework clubs during the week (some lunchtimes) to help you out. Therefore, please be sure to use them whenever you need to. Homework will be checked and re-visited each week.

I hope you are looking forward to this term and all the new learning journeys we will be travelling along together.

Warm regards,

Miss Pennance