



### Our learning this term:

Our current topic is entitled '**Gods & Mortals**' which focuses on the Ancient Greeks. A number of myths and legends from Ancient Greece will provide us with the main stimulus for this topic, in particular the Trojan War. In English, we will be reading and enjoying some of these stories, and then using them to develop our reading and writing skills, in particular, story writing. We will be focusing on developing the use of dialogue in stories, on creating cohesion and flow throughout their writing, and on characterisation. Spelling will also be a big focus this term as we help the children to improve the accuracy of their spelling and develop their vocabulary.

In Mathematics, we are currently completing a unit on place value. We will then move onto addition and subtraction, and then multiplication and division. We will be ensuring that the children become secure and fluent in their knowledge of times tables and related division facts, up to the 12 times table.

All of the children will be having *Forest Schools* lessons this term on Thursdays, starting with Mr Collins' class; Mrs Humphries' class will be informed soon when their Forest Schools lessons start. For the children not doing Forest Schools on Thursdays, Ms Keoghan will take this other group for science (electricity) and Mr McCool for computing. The children will receive a broad curriculum this half-term, including art, music, German (with Mr Gleed from St. John's School) and P.E, as well as the subjects outlined above.

#### Routines

On Monday mornings both classes will begin with P.E. Mrs Humphries' class will also have P.E. on Tuesdays; Mr Collins' class will have their other P.E. lesson on Wednesdays. Looking further ahead, Year 6 will be swimming in the second half of the Autumn Term.

Reading Diaries are needed in school every day. The children will have the opportunity to visit the School Library each week.

Spellings will be given out on a Tuesday for the children to practise at home; spelling tests will take place on Mondays.

Other homework tasks (Maths and English) will be introduced as the term progresses.

#### Reading

Reading regularly at home is crucial in Year 6 for helping children to make progress as readers. Our expectation of reading in Year 6 is that the children read, at home, at least four times a week for a minimum of one hour in total. However, we hope that the children will already be exceeding this target, or will aim to. The children need to use their Reading Diary to keep a record of their reading. Each week there is a space for a 'reading reflection'. Guidance on completing this section will be given to the children.

#### Communication

The Reading Diary also includes a section each week for any additional notes regarding homework, reminders for the children, as well as a space for parents to communicate messages to the teachers. Parents usually prefer to use lass Dojo for sending messages; however, please be aware that for urgent messages, including reporting an absence, the school office should be contacted.

#### Year 6 Ancient Greece Theme Day

This will take place, as advertised on lass Dojo, on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. The children are encouraged to come in costume but they come in school uniform if they would prefer.

