



# Year 6

Autumn Term  
Sep-Oct 2020

## Our learning this term:

Our first topic of the year is entitled '**Gods & Mortals**' which will focus on the Ancient Greeks. Some of the wonderful myths and legends from Ancient Greece will provide us with the main stimulus for this topic, in particular *The Iliad* (the story of 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 have a major 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.

Additionally, all three classes will also be learning about the culture and geography of the country of their class name, and then later this term, in science, we will be undertaking a unit of work about electricity.

The children will continue to receive a broad curriculum this half-term, including Art, Music, French and P.E, as well as the subjects outlined above.

### Routines

All Year 6 classes have P.E on Tuesdays and Thursdays. At present, Tuesday is outdoor P.E and Thursday is indoor. 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 Monday for the children to practise at home; spelling tests will take place on Fridays.

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 know that many children will exceed this target, which is fantastic. 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 with the teachers. Seesaw is the preferred platform for sending and receiving 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

The provisional date for our Ancient Greece Theme Day is **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**. The children will be encouraged to come in costume but they will be able to come to school that day in school uniform if they prefer to.

### Sex & Relationships Education

Later this term, Year 6 will have a series of lessons on this topic. A letter for parents will be sent out in the next week or two with more information about these lessons.