

MRS PORTER

# Year 6 Class Newsletter

Autumn Term Two – Ancient Greeks

## SATS

In Year 6, we are very busy working hard preparing for our SATS tests. These tests will be undertaken the week commencing the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018. It is important that no children have time off during this week. Additionally, our time in class leading up to this date will be important in preparing the children for these assessments. It is therefore important that time absent from school is minimised – any holidays will not be authorised.

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that it is Autumn term 2 already! This year is going by so fast, and Christmas will be here before we know it. It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents Evening and to be able to share with you the fantastic progress that your children are making.

Here is an update on the curriculum for Year 6 during this term:

Science – Our topic for this half-term is light. We will be doing a number of investigations during these sessions. The children will be learning that light appears to travel in straight lines and will use this to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye. They will also discover that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes. They will use these concepts to understand why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.

RE – We are following the Lincolnshire Agreed Syllabus and our topic for this half-term is the big question: 'Do you have to believe in God to be good?' This will provide the children with an *opportunity to study Humanism/atheism and conclude their own beliefs.*

Connections - We are continuing to explore our topic of Ancient Greece. We will be learning about the religious beliefs of the Greeks and their Gods and Goddesses. We will learn about the origins of the Olympics and how they compare to modern day ones. We will also explore the Battle of Marathon leading to a re-enactment with Y5/6 – one side posing as Spartans and the other Athenians. The children will explore Greek pottery and have the chance to make their own. The children will learn about geographical areas including: England, Greece, North America (Mexico) and South America (Brazil). Salt dough models will be made of the countries to show our knowledge of rivers, highlands etc. Finally, we will explore the music originating from these areas.

## Homework Reminder

Spellings - issued on a Monday and will now be tested on the following Monday (due to P.E. on Friday afternoons when we would usually do our tests and mark them).

Homework - Issued no later than Friday and should be completed by Wednesday as we then mark them in class together.

Reading - Every Friday we check to see if the children have read 4 times. They should also be writing in their reading logs to explain the content of the pages/chapters that have been read.

## Swimming

Unfortunately, now that the weather is turning cooler, the children will no longer be swimming on a Monday afternoon. Swimming sessions will now resume in the Summer term. The children will still continue P.E. sessions on a Friday with our sports coach: Miss Cox.

## Assessments

As already communicated to yourselves at Parents Evening, your children have taken part in SATS practice and their assessment results are below:

100 – age related expectation

110 – above age related expectation

Please bear in mind that your children should be age related at the **end of the academic year**, and therefore, it is not a concern to not be there now.

**Maths:**

**SPAG:**

**Reading:**

**Writing:**