



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome to our exciting and fun-packed Spring Term! We have two topics for this term. We start off looking at the legacy of the Ancient Greeks in our 'Myths and Legends' topic, before moving on to a scientific focus on animals as we ponder the question 'Are animals all the same?' Accompanying this letter, you will find details of all of the other areas of study that we will be covering over the coming term.

Home Learning

Home Learning will continue to be sent home on **Fridays**. Each Friday your child should come home with their Home Learning folder containing their **Home Learning sheet** (with **weekly spellings**) and a reading book (make sure you are logging your child's reading on Boom reader). Please ensure that all these items are returned to school on the following **Thursday** so that we can keep you informed about spelling test results. As you are aware, the children need to have mastered all times-tables by the summer term when they will take part in the national assessments. Here is a link to a useful website to practise the format:

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

We love to see what the children have been doing at home so please encourage them to bring in their learning to show and share at school or email us a picture!

P.E.

It is important that your child brings their full P.E. kit (royal blue T-shirt & shorts, trainers, dark, plain tracksuit for outdoor P.E.) to school on a **Monday** and takes it home on a **Friday** for washing. Base layers may also be worn (plain blue, back or grey). Earrings are not to be worn during PE and hair longer than shoulder length needs to be tied back. For girls who wear tights, please supply a pair of socks.

Stationery

It is important for all the children to have a fully-stocked pencil case in school. Key contents include black handwriting pens, HB pencils, an eraser, sharpener and glue stick. If they have their own wipeable whiteboard pen, that is also really useful.

Forest School

After February half term, we will be participating in weekly Forest School sessions with Mrs Bean. Information including dates and necessary clothing will be given out nearer the time.

Ancient Greece Theme Day and Costumes

We are very excited to holding an Ancient Greece Day on **Thursday 15th January**, to assist in getting our Ancient Greek topic off to a flying start! It would great for all the children to have a costume for that day. There will be opportunities to reuse an Ancient Greek costume!

Trip to Marwell Zoo

We will be taking the children to Marwell Zoo during our 'Are animals all the same?' topic – more information will be sent out nearer the time.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time if you have any queries. We enjoy seeing you at the door, so please don't be a stranger!

Thank you for your support,

Miss Bartholomew, Miss Collins and Mrs Bean