

# Swavesey Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 3 and 4 children,

Welcome back! We hope that this email finds you well and that you have all enjoyed a happy Easter holiday.

Our unit of work this term is '**The Ancient Greeks**'. We will be looking at life in Ancient Greek times and will be learning about different events during this period in history. For further information, see the attached overview.

We have booked a *Life in Ancient Greece Day* at school on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June** which will be delivered through History Off the Page. The day will follow a cross-curricular approach that uses practical activities, drama and role-play to engage children. The day intends to give pupils an experience of different aspects of Athenian life, covering subjects such as religion, democracy and the different groups of people that lived in Athens. We will be requiring adult helpers to assist in workshops on the day so please save the date if you are free and look out for additional information in the coming weeks.

We encourage children to bring any relevant material into school to support our unit of work. Our unit homework sheet encourages the children to develop their knowledge of an area of their choice and build independent working skills at home. Can we please remind you that we would much prefer to see one 'project' style piece of work presented rather than lots of smaller pieces. We have been thrilled with the wonderful pieces of homework this year - many of the children have produced extremely creative and interesting pieces of work.

Weekly spellings will continue to be set on Purple Mash - please look out for these and help your child learn the new words which often follow a given pattern. The children will be take their **final 109 spelling test** for the year during the **week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June**.

All children should continue to read daily at home for at least 15 minutes a day - this ideally could be a mixture of reading out loud, quietly to themselves or shared between the two of you. Reading should be a pleasurable activity rather than seen as a chore. Please remember to ask your child questions about the text to check their level of understanding and also encourage them to ask questions themselves.

Times tables also continue to be set on Purple Mash. Year 4 will be taking part in the **statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in June** and are expected to recall all x tables up to 12x 12 in six seconds per question. It is essential that your child is prepared for this test which will also take place the **week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June**. They can practise the online test on Purple Mash, in the Mathematics folder followed by Times Tables and the calculator icon.

Swans Class will have spellings and x tables set and tested on Fridays. Badgers and Kingfishers times tables and spellings will continue to be tested and set on Wednesdays.

PE lessons continue to be Tuesday and Wednesday for Badgers and Kingfishers. For the first half term Swans class will have PE on Monday and Tuesdays. Please make sure your child wears the appropriate PE kit on these days. As it is the summer term, please make sure that your child has a hat and a water bottle in school and comes to school wearing sun cream if appropriate.



We are looking forward to the term ahead and can't wait to see the wonderful progress and strides in learning that the children will make. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns or queries by emailing the school office. Thank you again for your continued support.

The Year 3 and 4 Team

