

# Year Six Autumn Newsletter – Grand Designs



Dear Parents/Carers,

First and foremost, I'd like to welcome you to a brand new school year!

## Our Learning

As **historians** we will be studying Ancient Greece and the influence of their civilisation on the world today. We will be looking at factual evidence of what life in the past was like. We will learn how the Ancient Greeks have helped us to design some of our buildings, our sporting events (particularly the Olympics), our theatres and the way our government and our jury system works. We have a trip to the Hackney Empire to watch **Groovy Greeks** planned for **October 7<sup>th</sup>**, but please feel free to take a visit to a museum with your child if you get the time. The class will be presenting their topic work in a Year 6 assembly on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 3:00pm**; you are welcome to join us.

During **English** this term we will be studying Myths and Legends, and writing about the Greek Gods. Children will be creating their own Myths, writing persuasively in their topic work and also learning to write a newspaper report. Grammar will be a focus throughout the year and will constitute part of their homework - Please encourage your child to complete their homework.

For **Maths** we will initially focus on place value and learning numbers up 10,000,000. The children will also learn to calculate fractions, decimals, percentages and numbers into the thousands. We shall also be focusing on measures and conversions. There are many opportunities to help your child in some of these areas particularly when shopping or cooking. Looking at food labels is a good place to start. Times tables are also vital to your child if they are to make real progress in Year 6 so please, periodically help your child to learn these - little and often is the key.

## Important Reminders

Please note that we have P.E. every Friday. Also Swimming will continue to be on a Tuesday. Please ensure that children have the appropriate kit on these days.

Finally please don't hesitate to arrange a meeting to talk to any of us to raise any further questions or queries. Teachers are in the playground at least 5 minutes before the bell in the morning, but if you would like a longer conversation then do come and see teachers at the end of the day or arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely  
Year Six Team

In **R.E.** the children will learn what the difference is between a magic trick and a miracle. They will explore different miracles and learn about the miracles of Jesus such as feeding the 5000.

As **Scientists** will be learning why it is important to keep ourselves healthy and looking at how different organs are affected by our life choices. We will also be learning about light and how it can travel. For **Design & Technology** we will be designing and making our own Grecian pots. As **Artists** we will be sketching our own patterns and develop our drawings of movement.

**Homework:** Your child will be set homework every Thursday on 'I am Learning' this will need to be completed by the following Wednesday.

## **Suggestions for home project learning:**

- Visit the British museum (website or actual visit)
- Challenge children to a times table competition.
- Find out about Greek mathematicians.
- Visit the local library or surf the web to find out more about the Ancient Greeks.
- Design an Olympic stadium.
- Create your own mythical beast and hero, in a story or as a picture.
- Write and act out your own Greek drama.