



Year 6

Autumn 2016 (1st half)

Happy New Year!

I hope that you had a wonderful summer. It is lovely to see the new Year 6s back in class, keen and eager and ready to learn. We have a lot of things planned for this half-term so will be very busy. Our theme is:

Myths & **MONSTERS**

where we will look at life in Ancient Greece, the myths surrounding the gods and goddesses and we will follow the enquiry question of 'What secrets will history always keep?'

We will be studying the film of Percy Jackson to help us understand a little about the gods and try to piece together what life may have been like for a young soldier living at the time.

WEEKLY HOME LEARNING

Home learning will not be set on specific days but rather as follow-up to work completed in class to practice and extend their learning. However, weekly expectations are:

- 10 minutes each night reading their reading book, a newspaper, a magazine or Kindle,
- 5 minutes on spelling pattern being covered in class (2 times per week)
- 10 minutes each night on Learn Its - times tables up to 12 x 12 for multiplication and division.
- Other task as appropriate from the week's classwork
- Research as part of our topic

We will be focusing on times tables and spellings over this half term to really improve our speed and accuracy. It would be really helpful if you could encourage your child to practise these at home and maybe challenge them to beat your score or time!

CLASS DOJO & GOOGLE APPS

Your child will continue to be awarded merit points, known as Class Dojo. You should have received a parent login to view your child's points and also a pupil one for them to customize their avatar. It is a fun way of rewarding behaviour such as persistence, good manners, helping others and many more. I am sure you will find it useful to see how your child is doing at school.

Your child also has an allocated email address for use as a login to Google Apps, a collaborative means of working on documents and presentations with others. The use of this address will be purely for schoolwork and will be monitored. Please ask if you would like further details.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Monday:** 3-minute challenge (times tables)
Tuesday: Drumming with Jools
Wednesday: Swimming
Thursday: Indoor PE (dance)
Friday: Big Maths

Children should always have their homework diaries and reading records with them.

LOOKING AHEAD

Next half-term, we are Thursday 3rd November and also a trip to RAF Leeming for Crucial Crew (date yet to be confirmed). We will need some adults to accompany us on these if you are able – more details will follow. Bikeability will also begin next half term on the 1st November. It is hoped all children in Year 6 will take part and, if needed, could borrow a school bike. More details will be sent out soon along with permission forms.