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## Welcome back class 3!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Spring 1 and Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break.

This half term, our cornerstones topic is 'Gods and Mortals'. We will be discovering a world of mythical creatures and legendary heroes and meeting some of the Gods. For our topic engagement, the children will be learning all about Zeus and acting out a role as a God or Goddess. We have lots of things to look forward to this half term which will be blogged on our class activity page.

Just a reminder of important diary dates:

- Homework and spellings – Homework will be given out on a Monday. We expect this back in school for a Friday morning. Spellings will be given out on a Wednesday and are due in on a Monday, where we will carry out our weekly spelling test.
- Reading – We will continue to send a reading book home with your child, that is linked closely to their reading ability. Could you please aim to read with your child at least once a week and record this in their reading record. We are continuing to aim to fill our reading tree to earn some nice treats throughout the year!
- PE kits – Please send in a PE kit on a Monday morning and leave it at school throughout the week, we will return this home on a Friday. Our PE days this half term are Mondays and Thursdays.

I am looking forward to all of the exciting things we have coming up this half term! If you have any questions, please feel free to ask!

Many Thanks  
Miss Grimes.

# Gods and Mortals



Let's discover a fantastical world of mythical creatures and heroes!

This half term, we'll learn about Apollo and the other gods who reign from Mount Olympus and create a 3-D head of our favourite god or goddess. We'll explore the land of Greece, where the sun scorches the wings of Icarus and Helen of Troy inspires the launch of a thousand ships. In PE, we'll take part in athletics and practise synchronised battle movements just like the ancient Greeks. Using historical source materials, we'll research daily life in ancient Greece. We'll write diaries as Daedalus or Icarus and learn about epic battles. In D&T, we'll design wings, just like Daedalus, and make Trojan horses. We'll read *Theseus and the Minotaur* and create amazing labyrinths, using positional language to guide others around the maze. On maps of Greece, we'll plot the journeys made by ancient Greek characters.

At the end of the ILP, we'll create our own gods and look forward to presenting these to you on a special manuscript.

## ILP focus

English

History

Art & design

Computing

D&T

Geography

Mathematics

PE

PSHE

## History

Character profiles, diary writing, instructions and commands, myths and legends, character descriptions

Ancient Greece

3-D sculpture, Greek art and design

Using presentation software

Moving parts, model making

Ancient and modern day Greece, geographical features, using maps

Positional and directional language

Athletics, battle formation and dance

Resolving differences

## Help your child prepare for their project

Greece is a fascinating country that has a long and colourful history. Why not sample some delicious Greek food such as baklava or tzatziki? You could also research ancient Greek pots and sketch the intricate images painted on them. Alternatively, have fun taking part in a back garden Olympics, seeing who can run the fastest or throw a ball the furthest!