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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6!

Our first learning journey in Year Six is 'The Groovy Greeks', focusing on aspects of Ancient Greek life and making comparisons between past and present-day Greece, as well as researching and investigating the Olympic Games.

In English, we will be focusing on linking our topic (Groovy Greeks) through a series of short tales based on Greek Myths (The Orchard book of Greek Myths). We will be writing first person entries from the point of view of different characters and, as a class, we will be researching and writing non-fiction pieces about the Greek Olympic games. We will also continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) which will be extremely important during Year 6 and for SATS. During our Guided Reading sessions, we will be developing the children's inference and deduction skills through whole class reading.

In Maths, we will focus on Number, revisiting place value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). The children will take part in whole-class activities and discussions about different aspects of number.

In Science, we will be learning about The Circulatory System which we are linking to our PE sessions and being a "Greek Olympic athlete". In our Art lessons, we will be making links with our Ancient Greek topic and also focusing on observational drawings of hands.

PE is on a Tuesday and Friday this term. **Tuesday's P.E is Forest School. Please make sure the children are wearing suitable attire for their outdoor sessions- it can get cold and wet so waterproofs and warm layers are advised – please see the separate letter shared earlier in the term for more details about Forest School.** For Friday's PE sessions, please make sure your child is wearing a full named PE kits to school (including trainers or plimsolls). If your child has pierced ears, please can they either not wear their earrings to school on the days of P.E, or be able to take them out as we are unable to allow the children to wear any jewellery during these lessons. Newly pierced ears can be taped at home on these days as long as you let me know. If your child is unable to do PE for any reason, please inform me in writing or tell me personally.

Homework will be set on Fridays to be completed by the following Tuesday. For the first term, it will be on My Maths. As well as this, timestables and spelling practice is highly recommended.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to see me.

Yours sincerely,
Miss N Knight
Year Six Class Teacher.