

### Curriculum News

We have started our new topic this week ... the ancient Greeks! Our first few days have been focussed on getting a broad understanding of the civilisation and generating questions we would like to answer as we learn. We looked at a time line of events and put them into chronological order (coming from Chronos the Greek god of time). We also spent some time reflecting on our achievements from last year and have set ourselves some goals for the coming year.

### English

We have been working on our research skills in our English lessons this week. We have focussed on finding information from books to get an idea about what life in ancient Greece was like.

### Maths

We have investigated 'Bar Model' as a visual representation of a number sentence or word problem. This has really helped our understanding of number and will be very useful for helping us next week when we begin to learn about fractions.

### Reading Carousel

We will resume our Reading Carousel next Tuesday morning at 8:45 with Greek themed texts but are desperately short of parent help. If you are able to help with Reading Carousel this term please email your child's class teacher; this is such a valuable reading experience for the children and we really do value your support.



### Spellings

**This term we will be focusing on the morphology and etymology of words to develop the children's understanding of spelling and spelling patterns.**

trophy phobia  
catastrophe decipher  
physics biography  
telephone photograph  
geography atmosphere

**We hope you had a brilliant Christmas! Thank you so much for your good wishes and very generous gifts.**

### Reminders

Wednesday and Thursday are our P.E days each week. 3C and 3A will have Dance/Gymnastics and **3T will be swimming** this term on Wednesdays. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit.

### Fluffy

Fluffy Friday is the 15th February— Keep an eye out for letters going home if your child is going off-site for the day. Also, please email Helen Pronger [helenpathtpd.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:helenpathtpd.surrey.sch.uk) if you are able to run or support an activity.

### Greek Day

This term the Yvonne Arnaud Youth Theatre will be coming into school and leading workshops with the children. The children will also be involved in a range of different creative Greek activities. Please ensure that the children have a simple Greek costume (a chiton) that they are able to move/dance in comfortably.

Following this, the children will then be organising an open afternoon, which you will be invited to attend, to showcase all of their work and learning relating to the Ancient Greeks.

The children will need their costumes for this as well.



### Time Machines

The children will be making time machines later in the term, so this is a 'heads up' to start collecting recycling to make these.

A shoe box, bottle and tin lids, or any small recyclables will be great!

### House Poetry

House Poetry will take place during the week of 28th January.

More details to follow.