# MERLIN CLASS CURRICULUM LETTER SUMMER 2 – 2024

## **MEET THE GREEKS**

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed the half term break and the sunshine! Our topic for this half term is called 'Meet The Greeks'. We will be learning all about the history of ancient Greece as well as investigating how people lived during that time period! We will also be exploring ancient artefacts and learning about some well-known Greek myths and legends. Mr Stamp & Mrs Hearn 😒

## <u>English</u>

This half term in English, we will be learning the features myths and legends. We will be building up to writing our own myths using the techniques we have learnt. If you would like to help at home, you could encourage your children to read or listen to some Greek myths and legends – such as Jason and the Argonauts, Theseus and the Minotaur or Icarus: The boy who flew too close to the sun.

#### <u>Maths</u>

In Maths we will be learning to -

- ★ Tell the time to the nearest minute
- ★ Identify more complex shapes
- ★ Identify lines of symmetry
- ★ Interpret and draw line graphs



Any practise you can do with your child would help them to make greater progress at school. The easiest way to support them is to look to complete their MyMaths work online and help them to calculate any shopping.

SAVE THE DATE Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June Greek Dress Up Day & Historian Visit.

## <u>Computing</u>

We will be using Scratch online coding software to predict, investigate, change and create our own helicopter games.

## <u>DT</u>

We will be tasting a variety of Greek dishes and having a go at making our own flat breads and hummus!

## HOW CAN I HELP AT HOME?

## © <u>Maths</u>

The governments Multiplication Check for Year 4, is happening this half term so it is just that last little push to keep their minds fresh and prepared for it. Times tables are so vital to so many areas of maths and just practising them every day for a few minutes can make such a difference.

## © <u>English</u>

By encouraging your child to read every day. Your support with your child's reading makes a huge difference and is fantastic to see! As you are reading with your child, support their understanding of the text by asking them questions such as - What has happened? Why did that happen? Why is a character feeling a particular way?

Please ensure that you sign the reading journal every time that your child reads.

## © <u>PE</u>

Our PE days are Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday (Athletics), so it would be appreciated if the children could come into school with their PE kits and water bottles. On Wednesdays we will be outdoors whenever possible, so your child will need trainers to wear on the field.

Homework: Your child will be set a menu style homework to run throughout the half term. Spellings will be set on a Friday and will tested the following Friday.