

## **Spellings:**

This half term we will continue to revise different spelling rules, to help us prepare further for the SATs spelling test. We will continue to practice spelling strategies during spelling lessons during the week. Alongside this, it will be crucial for the children to be using their red books to learn the spelling list words (both 3/4 and 5/6) as I am sure there will be these words on the SATs spelling test.

During SATs week we will not have a weekly spelling test on Friday!

## Homework timetables and expectations:

This half term, we will continue to use the CGP revision books for homework. Please check the pages given carefully, as I will pinpoint specific pages to cover in response to our work during the week. The final week of term is our Calshot residential, so there will be no homework set this week.

## How can you support us at home?

Please can you ensure that your child reads each evening and this is recorded in the Home School Link Book. As well as inference, reading with fluency and expression will be a big focus this term, so that would be a good area to focus in on. This is an assessed area of reading and can prevent children from reaching the expected standard at the end of KS2. There is a video on the Elder Class webpage from the Education Department, giving an example of expected fluency. If your child reads their book independently, please ask a couple of questions about the book, a favourite part, or how they are enjoying it, encourage them to write comments about their reading in their red book. It is important that the children use these books themselves on a regular basis e.g. writing comments, recording activities, as this will help to prepare them for using a homework diary in Secondary School.

## PE Days:

This term we will be doing PE on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child has a named PE kit in school at all times, in case of a last minute change of plan. Long hair must be tied back and earrings should be able to be removed, or tape to cover them should be brought from home.

## English and Maths Websites:

Children can still use Mathletics to work on their maths.

<http://spellingframe.co.uk/> - this is an excellent website that covers all the KS2 spelling rules and lists. It gives various ways to learn the spellings, and you can test yourself.

<https://www.spellingcity.com/> - this has a sample set of games on the first page, where you can put your own words in.

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables> - this site has a good range of times tables games to help improve speed and accuracy/

<https://uk.ixl.com/math/year-6> - this has a wide range of objectives that you can use to practise your maths.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education>

(for the new site, which mainly has short clips to help understanding)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/> (the old site, which includes games and quizzes)

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html> - this provides further links to online games linked to English objectives.

## Topic:

'Spend the Day in Ancient Greece: Projects and Activities that Bring the Past to Life', by Linda Honan

'Ancient Greece', DK Eyewitness Books

'Ancient Greece (100 Facts)', by Fiona MacDonald

'Avoid Entering the Greek Olympics (Danger Zone)' by Michael Ford

We have many books relating to Ancient Greece in the classroom which the children are welcome to borrow.

## Websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z87tn39>

<http://www.ancientgreece.co.uk/> - from the British Museum

<http://www.ngkids.co.uk/history/10-facts-about-the-ancient-greeks>

## If you had time, places to visit:

The British Museum in London has some excellent Ancient Greek artefacts, including an amazing range of Greek pottery and, of course, the Elgin Marbles.