# **Oak Class Newsletter – Autumn Term**

## Welcome... or welcome back!

Welcome to Oak Class! Mrs Price, Miss Ordidge, Mrs Sherry and I hope that you had a restful and enjoyable Summer holidays and are now ready to get back into the school routine. While I have had the chance to speak to many of you already, I will be at the classroom door every day to introduce myself and answer any questions that you may have. Please pop over to say hi as I am really looking forward to working positively with you through this year. Mr Marsh

#### **PE and Forest School**

For this term, PE will be on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Please make sure both the correct indoor and outdoor kit is in school for these days. Also, please remember to label all kit.

Forest school will also be on a Thursday afternoon. Again, please remember to bring the appropriate kit for the forest, including waterproofs.



#### Reading and home learning

Please endeavour to read every night, it is really important and will make all the difference this year. Please also remember to fill in planners daily as well. There will be plenty of dojo points for those who do!

Home learning will be given out on a Friday and will be expected back the following Thursday. It will consist of spelling and an activity on maths.co.uk. Spellings for the first half of the term will be appended to planners this week, those for next half term will be given out just before the October holiday.

Towards the end of this half term, we will be going on our first trip of the year so look out in the coming weeks for the letter with more details. We will also be performing a class assembly after half term, in the run up to Christmas. Again, details of this will be sent out in the coming weeks!





### Our topic this term:

The Ancient Greeks



#### This half term our class are going to be...

Writers (Literacy): This term we will be focusing on writing a series of genres, including narrative stories, explanation texts and character descriptions. Our reading will revolve around the classic Greek myths and our GPS focus will be on clauses.

**Mathematicians (Maths):** We will begin with number and place value, with numbers to 10,000,000. We will then be working on our knowledge of the 4 main mathematical operations.

**Historians (History):** Compare how the daily lives of ancient Greeks compares with ours, as well as their religious beliefs, views on democracy and the way their achievements have impacted our lives today.

**Geographers (Geography):** We will be looking at the physical and human geography of Greece, identifying land use and population information.

**Scientists (Science):** We will be looking at forces, identifying how gravity, air resistance and water resistance change the speed of objects, as well as how levers and pulleys allow us to lift heavy objects.

**Techies (Computing):** During this term, we will revisit e-safety before learning to code games

Athletes (PE): This term, we are going to be studying gymnastics, creating both group and individual routines.

**Good citizens (PSHE):** Initially, we will elect members of the class for different roles, then move to looking at how our diets can keep us healthy.

Artists (Art): We will be using mixed media to complete a series of artistic pieces for different purposes, including a family coat of arms and product designs.

**Creators (D&T):** Our project this term will involve designing and creating pop-up story books using card and a variety of mechanisms. **Linguists (French):** This term we will be focusing on describing our family in French.

**Musicians (Music):** Film music will be our focus, looking at ways in which a film score is used to convey emotions during particular scenes.