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Dear Parents

### **Topics for Autumn 2**

English: Narrative; The Odyssey by Homer; classic myths from the Ancient Greek World; character and setting descriptions; direct speech and exciting dialogue.

Science: The Earth and Space; The Solar System; Planets; The Sun and Moon (ongoing)

Geography: Rivers

History: Like in Ancient Greece; the legacy of Ancient Greek achievements

Maths: Multiplication and Division (written methods); decimals and percentages

Art: Pencil and paint skills

### **PE kits**

Please note that the children should have an **indoor** and an **outdoor** PE kit in school at all times. Your child's indoor kits should be kept in a clearly labelled, pull string bag in the classroom and should only hold a pair of shorts and a T-shirt. Their outdoor kit is to be kept in your child's locker and it should contain a pair of trainers and plastic studded boots (the type made for AstroTurf are perfect as they are suitable for both field and playground use), a warm pair of tracksuit bottoms and a warm hoodie or jumper. In order for your child to take part in PE lessons, it is essential that they have both PE kits in school at all times. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled. PE this half-term will be hockey, so all sessions will be outside, whatever the weather.

### **Home reading books and spellings**

Please encourage your child to choose books that are challenging but enjoyable from within the appropriate colour band - and support them at home, so that they can change their book regularly. Reading for 20 minutes a night really is the single most effective thing that you can do with your child to aid their progress and development in school. They could also use the 'Bug Club' online reading programme – if you are having problems logging on, please contact the school office.

Spellings will continue to be sent home on a Friday, and your child will be assessed a week later. Whenever possible we will try to link the spelling lists to the topics and spelling rules being studied in class. Additional homework (usually quizzes and mini tests) will also be sent home regularly.

As always, if there is any aspect of your child's development or learning that you would like to speak to me about please don't hesitate to make an appointment or to catch me at the door if you have any quick queries.

## Key Texts

We will be studying the Puffin Classics version of Homer's *Odyssey* in English.

For general reference, the following Usborne and DK books provide a good overview of the Ancient Greek World:



Yours sincerely

Mr Lomas