



April 2016

Dear parent/carer

We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

A reminder that high standards are set in all areas, especially behaviour, academic work and appearance, with consideration for others being a key element in our Church School. School uniform is an important aspect of gaining a sense of pride and we do ask parents to ensure that all pupils are correctly attired for school and that children have appropriate PE kit in school and available all week.

Over the next term, Year 5 will be following units of work on the themes of Ancient Greece and Berkhamsted: a local study. During these units we will be focusing on History, Geography and Art.

In History, we'll be:

- Finding out about aspects of the past from a range of sources.
- Investigating Ancient Greece, Greek life, their achievements and influence on the western world.
- Developing a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of world history.

In Geography, we'll be:

- Comparing similarities and differences between localities.
- Learning about physical and human features in a village.
- Investigating how people affect the environment.

In Art we will be focusing on the work of the famous sculptor, Donatello. We shall study and discuss his techniques and re-create our own interpretations.

Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, and working independently and in groups. We will be checking to see how well your child has learned through directed activities and asking children to explain their work.

This term, Year 5 will be receiving a visit from the Ancient Greeks! Children will take part in workshops and a theatre experience to learn about Greek life. We are also hoping for some good weather to enable us to visit Berkhamsted Castle.

We look forward to Sports Day on Thursday 23 June (Friday 24 June reserve day).

You will receive your child's annual report in July and it will be followed by an opportunity to discuss this with the class teacher.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss any particular needs, please do not hesitate in contacting the school, via the pupil contact book (planner), or finding one of the Year 5 team at the end of the school day.

Yours sincerely

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