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Swans Newsletter - Autumn Term 1, 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer break and that your child is ready for some exciting and challenging learning in Year 6 this half term.

To start the year, our focus subjects will be **History** and **Design and Technology**. In **History** we will be learning about the Ancient Greeks, starting by recreating the Ancient Olympics on the school field and then looking at gods, goddesses and myths, family life, hoplite warriors and the Underworld. In **Design and Technology** we will be learning the techniques of bread making, building up to making savoury, flavoured bread.

In **Maths** we will be looking at place value, rounding numbers, comparing and ordering numbers, negative number, addition and subtraction, multiples and factors, multiplication and division. It would be great if you can help support your child's learning by looking at the resources in these areas online at BBC Bitesize - KS2 Maths or on the White Rose App.

In **English** we will be creating an information poster all about their own Greek god or goddess, with details of their symbol, animal and festival, as well as a short story myth to explain why they are worshipped. We will then be writing an autobiography from the perspective of a member of a Greek family, using historical knowledge to add accurate details about their life.

Our **Guided Reading** will explore various fiction and non-fiction texts and we will start reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar as a class book. A reminder that children are expected to read at home daily, for around 20 minutes, **recording this in their Planners**, and parents should please **sign once a week** to confirm this. I would really appreciate your support with reinforcing this most beneficial habit - which helps with so many aspects of our learning. Happy reading.

Swans will have **Forest Schools** on a Wednesday afternoon with Mrs Lloyd, so please make sure they have their old clothes, waterproofs and boots in school that day.

There will be 2 sets of **Home Learning** each week. Maths will go out on Tuesday and needs to be back in on Thursday; English/Topic will go out on Friday to be handed in the following Tuesday. **Spellings** will go out on Friday and be tested the same day of the following week. Spelling Shed games will be available for practice as last year.

If there are any questions about this or any other query relating to your child's learning, please don't hesitate to ask me. There will be a welcome/introduction session for parents on **Thursday 18th September**, when you would be welcome to come into class and hear more about how I teach in Swans.

Kind regards,

Sam Sharp