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Term 2 & 3 – Japan Class Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic break and well-earned rest. We are so proud of the whole class so far this year. Everyone who took part in our harvest assembly did a fantastic job and we all enjoyed our first school experience together to WWT Slimbridge to discuss life cycles of birds, insects and amphibians.

Our new Curious Curriculum enquiry questions for Terms 2 and 3 are: '**Who were the Ancient Greeks?', 'What were their achievements? Can we learn anything from Greek myths and Legends?', 'Was Alexander the Great one of the most significant figures in Ancient Greece?', 'How was Baghdad different to London in 900AD? What was the impact of the Early Islamic Civilisation on the modern world? 'Did the Ancient Greeks of Early Islamic leave the greatest legacy behind?'.** Our overarching question is, **'Who is shaping our future? - Was the greatest legacy left by Ancient Greece or the ancient Islamic civilization?'** This theme will enhance our historical understanding and questioning skills. Our Key Texts are The Adventures of Odysseus by Hugh Lupton and Leo and the Gorgon's Curse by Joe Todd-Stanton. We will be writing a range of different text types including a Greek myth focusing on the use of dialogue, subordination and effective noun phrases. In maths we will be focusing on fractions and formal written methods for calculations. In addition, we will be designing and modelling buildings in art.

PE Kit:

It is expected that your child has a PE kit in school throughout the week. Please ensure all items, including uniform, are labelled with first and last names to allow us to keep track of them. No matter how tidy we are, if garments are not labelled, it can be difficult to return them to their rightful owner. Our sessions will be on a **Monday and Thursday** afternoons. PE kits will be sent home throughout the term to be washed to ensure the safety of our pupils.

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Home Learning:

We expect all pupils to read to a family member five times per week for ten minutes. Please ensure that reading diaries are acknowledged and signed by parents as this is an essential record of which books your child has read and how they are progressing. It is compulsory that books come to school daily.

Morning Snacks and Drinks:

If you would like to send your child into school with their own snack, we would ask that this is fruit or a healthy snack such as a cereal bar. Please only send WATER in drinks bottles to promote healthy eating and to reduce the risk of spillages.

Many thanks,

Mr M

Class teacher

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