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Be kind, be curious, be you!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We do hope that you have all had a wonderful summer spending time with your families and enjoying the sunshine. We are really looking forward to welcoming the new children into Blackman Class and ensuring the oldest children in our school are guided academically and socially as they mature over their final years, here at Leaffield Primary. At the top of the school, our children really do set the most fantastic example to the rest of the children, and as well as taking on more responsibilities, they are also granted some privileges – sitting on benches during assembly is quite clearly their favourite!

This Autumn Term, we will be studying the 'Ground Breaking Greeks project', your child will learn about developments and changes over six periods of ancient Greek history, focusing on the city state of Athens in the Classical age, and exploring the lasting legacy of ancient Greece. They will learn about democracy in ancient Greece and understand the hierarchical system, particularly the roles of men and women. They will discover when the first Olympic Games was held and how it was one of the greatest sporting and religious festivals of its time. Children will explore Greek architecture in Design and Technology, building their own impressive structure based on stability, function and appearance, drawing upon the three different styles of columns, the Doric, Ionic and Corinthian columns.

Our novel study is 'Who Let the Gods Out' by Maz Evans, where a young goddess named Virgo crashes to Earth, leading her to meet the struggling farm boy, Elliot. Their accidental meeting unleashes the evil death daemon Thanatos, who was imprisoned under Stonehenge. The trio then embark on a mission to find the Chaos Stones and enlist the help of the retired Olympian gods, including Zeus, to stop Thanatos from destroying the world.

In Science this term, children will learn about our Solar System and its spherical celestial bodies. They will describe the movements of the Earth and the other planets relative to the Sun, the Moon relative to Earth, and the Earth's rotation to explain day and night.

In R.E, our key question this term will be, 'What does it mean to live a good life?' During this topic, the children will explore the philosophical background to making choices about how to live. This will include Aristotle's Golden Mean and the Golden Rule.

In Music we will be continuing to build on previous skills. The learning for this term is focused around one song: Livin' On A Prayer. Children will be using games to explore the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), as well as singing and playing instruments. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other classic rock songs.

HOMEWORK:

Homework will continue to be daily, set on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Please can you remind the children about getting into good habits with packing their bags and checking they have everything they need for the following school day.

READING:

As always, **daily reading** is an essential part of any child's learning, not only will it develop their language, thus improving their writing, but also it supports children's knowledge and development of punctuation. 15-20 minutes a day is sufficient and perhaps encouraging your children to read as part of their night-time routine would guarantee consistent reading.

PE:

PE will take place on Tuesdays (at school), children should come to school dressed for sports, and the children will be swimming every Wednesday afternoon. Our first sport will be football, which will be in preparation for the Burford Partnership Football Tournament.

CONTACT:

As always, we are in school every morning and at the end of every school day, should you wish to see us. If we can help with anything, please do ask – we will always do our very best to support you and your children.

Mrs Merry and Mrs James.