



Somerford Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the Autumn Term of 2022-2023. What a year it is going to be. We are very proud of the children for how well they have settled back into school and how quickly they have adapted to the new systems and structures in place. They should all feel very proud of themselves too.

This term, we have started with the topic 'it's All Greek To Me'. We will start by studying the history of The Ancient Greek civilisation and then we will move on to exploring the human and physical geography of modern-day Greece and compare it to how it has changed since Ancient Greek times.

As part of our learning, the children will be discovering important facts and information, which you will find on the Knowledge Organisers that have been sent home already. The children will become extremely familiar with the Knowledge Organisers as we will be using them regularly in class. It would be wonderful if you could also continue this learning at home by asking questions about their topic, based on the facts found on the Knowledge Organisers. The children love to play games with them, such as "How many facts can you recall in a minute" or "Fastest Finger – Who can find a particular fact the quickest?"

Our PE days this term are **Wednesday** (Outdoor) and **Friday** (Indoor). Your child should come to school dressed in their PE Kit for the whole day. Please ensure that they are wearing kit in line with the school policy (plain white top, black/blue shorts or jogging bottoms, trainers) and that they have jogging bottoms and a warm top when the weather is colder.

Key dates to remember are:

Monday 24th October – Half Term begins.

Monday 31st October – Back to school.

Tuesday 11th October-Harvest festival at Highcross Church (please bring in a food donation)

Friday 9th December-Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 15th December – Final day of Autumn Term.

Tuesday 3rd January – Back to school.

Homework

Finally, can we remind you to continue to hear your child read at least three times a week and complete the online Reading Record on Marvellous Me (in line with the Home Learning Policy). After the half term, children will miss their playtime on a Friday if this homework hasn't been completed.

Children should access their weekly spelling words on Spellzone. There are lots of activities to help the children practise. Please encourage them to log on three times a week.

Also, please encourage your child to practise their times tables and go on Times Tables Rock Stars. Daily practise really does make a huge difference!

As ever, should you have any concerns or questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Southam, Mrs Gregory, Mr. Wallace, Mrs Belbin, Miss Jurado, Mrs Miles, Mrs Meeking and Mrs Gray
Y5 Teaching Team

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