



## Welcome back!

How exciting that we are now in our second half term! This half term we have Mrs Crookes on a Tuesday morning, our fabulous volunteer Mrs McDonald on a Wednesday and Ms Casey supporting on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. This half term will see us undertake our first KS2 assessments, and definitely a sprinkle of glitter in the run up to Christmas.

## Curriculum

This half term, we are continuing as historians and geographers in our learning about ancient and modern day Greece. We will be looking at the physical geography and land formations of mainland Greece, and comparing life in different Greek states as life as an ancient Greek.

In English, we are reading the graphic novel 'Leo and the Gorgon's curse'. Guided reading and spelling lessons will happen for a run of three days, along with our Phase 2 and Phase 3 Rapid Catch Up phonics groups.

In maths we are putting last half term's knowledge to good use, by applying our place value skills to using the column method for addition and subtraction. We will then be progressing to multiplication and division methods.

As we come towards the end of our Baptism topic, we will start to learn about promises and visitors in our journey through Advent.

Magic Monday continues on Monday, so please make sure that you come to school in your PE kit on this day. Our second PE session remains to be on Friday afternoon this half term.

## How you can help at home

Invites have been sent out for our maths pre teach sessions. If you have received a message about this, please can support your child by encouraging them to attend the sessions on Monday and Thursday mornings.

Regular reading will help your child to develop fluency. Reading fluency is key to developing confident readers. Dojos will be given for regular reading at home. Staff will routinely be checking reading records.

Homework is sent home each Friday. English is a written task in books, Mathletics is completed online. **Homework must be returned by the following Wednesday.** I will be picking a homework star each week to have a dip in the prize box.

The Emile spelling app has lots of games to help the children practice their spellings at home.

Class Dojo is updated regularly. Please keep checking in to see key messages, and Pictures of what we have been getting up to.

## Homework club

I will be in our classroom every Monday between 12-12.30. If your child is unable to access Mathletics or Emile spelling at home, they can use this as opportunity to log in. I will also be able to help anyone who has any questions with their homework.