

Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

'By growing together, we become the best we can be'



Class Newsletter

Swans - Spring Term 1, 2020

Dear Parents,

A very Happy New Year to you all—I hope you are all looking forward to an active and fulfilling year in 2020.

Our main topic this half term is called '**Groovy Greeks**', and is all about the life and beliefs of this ancient civilisation. We will be learning about their homes and families, the Olympic Games, their soldiers and armies, their gods and the myths associated with them.

In our **English** lessons the children will be creating their own Greek god based on an aspect of life or the world which is important to them. They will design and produce an information poster about their god and will also make a model of the temple they imagine would be used to worship it, as a Home Learning project. Later, they will re-write part of their favourite Greek myth and get their story writing muscles plenty of exercise!

Our **Guided Reading** will this term be based around 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief' by Rick Riordan, which ties in nicely with the Greeks topic and is an entertaining action thriller packed with interesting and relevant details about the Olympian gods.

In **Art** we will be working on entries for the Young Art East Anglia competition with the theme 'A Moment in Time'. This is a whole school event, but in Swans we will be linking our pictures with the topic and the Olympic Games.

In **Maths** we will be finishing fractions (hooray!) and moving on to decimals, percentages, ratio and proportion. 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.

Our **P.E.** days will be Monday and Tuesday to begin with, so please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school on these days. I will let you know if and when this changes. As before, 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 will go out on Friday and needs to be in the following Tuesday. **Spellings** will go out on Friday and be tested the following week.

Year 5 and 6 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.

Kind regards,

Mr Sharp