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## **Swans Newsletter** - Autumn Term 1, 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer break and that your child is ready for some exciting and challenging learning in Year 6 this half term.

I will teach 3-week blocks of **History** and **Design and Technology** this half term. In **History** we will learn about the Ancient Greeks – starting with our own mini-Ancient Olympics, moving on to their gods and mythology, Hoplite warriors, family life and food. This is a fascinating topic and we will immerse ourselves in our learning to become Groovy Greek experts!

In **Design and Technology**, we will be making flavoured bread. We will start by making a batch of basic bread rolls to master the techniques required and learn the theory behind getting our bread to rise. Then we will design and make a second batch, adding 2 different flavourings to create some tasty treats to try and possibly bring home (if there's any left!).

In **Maths** we will be looking at place value, rounding numbers, comparing and ordering numbers, negative number, addition and subtraction, multiples and factors, multiplication and division. 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.

In **English** the children will design and write an information poster about their own Greek god, using their knowledge from our History topic to help them. They will need to personalise their creation, focussing on an aspect of life that is important to them. We will then look at some of the Greek myths and use descriptive language to re-write one of them in our own words.

Our **Guided Reading** will explore various fiction and non-fiction texts and we will start reading 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio as a class book. A reminder that 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.

Our **P.E.** lessons will be on Tuesday this half term, with extra lunchtime PE on Wednesday and Friday, so please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school on these days. 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/Topic will go out on Friday to be handed in the following Tuesday. **Spellings** will go out on Friday and be tested the following week.

### **Class Welcome to Parents**

Class teachers are delighted to welcome parents into their pupil's classrooms on Tuesday

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19<sup>th</sup> September. They will be sharing the routines, expectations and exciting learning experiences for the year ahead. The Parent's welcome in Larks and Robins will take place from 2.40-3.00pm. The Parent's welcome in Owls and Swans will take place from 3.00-3.20pm. Pupils will be dismissed as usual.

Kind regards,

Mr Sharp