Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely Summer. It has been great to see the children back in school eager and excited about the topics and subjects they are going to be studying this term. Throughout the Autumn term, Willow Class will be studying Ancient Greece. We will be exploring geographical and historical features of Greece as a country and using these topics in other areas of the curriculum, such as art, design technology and computing.

Maths and English lessons will take place daily, in the morning sessions, with English writing lessons focusing on writing linked to our Ancient Greece topic. We will have PE on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. However, it is recommended that children have their PE kit and trainers in school all week, taking them home on a Friday to wash for the following week. We will also be starting forest schools after half term. I will be sending more information out about this over the next few weeks.

On Wednesday 18th September at 2:45pm, I will be holding a curriculum meeting followed by a Hindleap Warren meeting. This meeting will give you the opportunity to ask any questions about the subjects that are being covered this term. I will also go through everything that you need to know about the residential to Hindleap Warren. It will be great to see as many parents there as possible. However, I do understand that this meeting may be difficult for some parents to attend. If this is the case, please pop in and see me after school and I will be happy to go through everything with you and share the powerpoint slides from the meeting.

Seesaw will also be up and running on Monday. I will be sending all the information that you need to log in, as this will enable you to see some of the fantastic work that your child has been doing throughout the year.

Finally, if you do have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to pop in to the classroom at the beginning or at the end of the day and I will try my best to help you and your child in any way I can.

Many thanks,

Mr Clark

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| **Maths**  This term will focus on learning about the place value of whole numbers and decimal numbers before moving onto formal written methods in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will then be using our learning to solve problems and investigations related to the four main mathematical operations. | **English**  Our writing this term links with our topic, Ancient Greece. We will be working on narrative writing, recounts and instruction writing during this term. The children will also have the opportunity to choose their own genre and writing style when we complete work related to the Battle of Marathon. | **Art**  We will be learning to use different sketching styles such as hatching and cross hatching when we sketch Greek vases. |
| **Science**  Our topic in science is light. We will be investigating how light travels and how we see things by learning that light travels from a light source to our eyes. We will use our scientific skills to create a fair test and predict the outcome of investigations, carefully taking results and presenting these in different tables and graphs. | **RE**  Children will explore questions about the nature, truth, meaning and value of religion and belief, particularly thinking about ways in which people describe their spiritual experience and what is meant by belief including a study of non-religious beliefs. | **ICT**  We will be working with Microsoft Excel this term. The children will be exploring how to use cells, tables and formula in Excel to produce graphs to present data that they are investigating. We will also use Excel to present data that we have collected in our scientific investigations. |
| **History**  We will use a timeline to put the period of history we are studying in context with other periods of history. Our topic of Ancient Greece will allow us to explore different historical sources of information about The Battle of Marathon and the history and traditions of different city states in Greece. | **Geography**  We will locate Greece on a world map and a map of Europe. We will explore the key words; country, continent, city state and northern and southern hemisphere. The children will locate the capital city of Greece, surrounding oceans and other cities in Greece. We will also explore and locate bordering countries. | **French**  The children will be counting to 100 in French. We will also be learning ‘My address is…’ and how to ask ‘Where do you live?’. We will be learning French through song and oral activities. |
| **Design Technology**  This term we will be designing and making a Greek vase using paper mache. We will be evaluating our finished product to identify ways to improve it further. | **Music**  This term we will have music lessons with Mr Chalk where the children will be learning the clarinet. These lessons will take place on a Thursday afternoon. | **PE**  This term the children will be have PE on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. The children will be learning skills associated with football, hockey and gymnastics. |
| **PSHCE**  Our topics in PSHCE this term are Living Long Living Strong and Daring to be Different. These sessions will focus on the children discussing topics in a group and as a whole class. | | |

**Important Autumn Term Dates**

**Wednesday 18th September** – Curriculum and Hindleap Warren meeting for parents (2:45pm)

**Friday 4th October** – Harvest Service (9:30am)

**Monday 14th October** – Friday 18th October – Hindleap Warren

**Friday 25th October** –Break for half term

**Monday 4th November** – Back to school