

## Queensgate Foundation Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you have all had a restful two-week break and that the children are ready to build on a promising start to the academic year. We are aware of Covid and of course, any new guidance given to schools around Covid 19 will be implemented.

The main topic this term will be Ancient Greece; this will be mainly historical but also a chance to compare this to modern times. The English text this term will be Beasts from Olympus, but we will be also be reading and learning about other Greek Myths. The writing will involve collecting a range of high-level vocabulary, sentence constructing and drama, in order to write their own mythical story. In Maths, we will begin with multiplication, division before moving onto measurement. Times tables knowledge and speed are both essential, so please ask your children to spend some time on Times Tables Rockstars.

In other areas, we will be focusing on plants in science, we will learn about Greek artefacts and making clay plaques in Art, creating media and vector drawing in Computing and Relationships in PSHE.

The homework tasks will continue to be to ask each child to 1] to read daily 2] to learn times tables, up to x12 and 3] learn weekly spellings. Please, either hear your child read as often as possible or encourage them to read to themselves (5 times a week would be ideal). They can also write in when they have read other books from home, magazines or instruction booklets etc! The family homework is on the overview sheet and is due on Monday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> for presentations in class.

Children need to wear their PE kits and Queensgate sweatshirt into school on these days; 5PG on Tuesday and Thursday & 5RA on Wednesday and Friday. We will aim to do as much outdoor PE as possible, but we also suggest that as the term gets colder they have dark tracksuit trousers. In addition to their shorts, tee shirts and trainers, spare socks might be a good idea too. All kit and uniform should be named, please.

We are aiming to keep the Year 5 curriculum as interesting, exciting and as challenging as possible. We will continue to set high expectations for behaviour, work and progress. We appreciate, as always, your support in helping us to teach your children effectively.

Please make an appointment to speak with us if you have any further questions or if you need to share any information about your child or home life, which may have an impact on their learning.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team: Mrs Adams, Mr Giles, Mrs Norsworthy, Mrs Wiper, Miss Hume, Miss Sears.







