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Spring Term 2018

Caradoc

Ragleth

Nesscliffe

Total Eclipse of the Greeks

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you had a happy Christmas and New Year and that your child is settling happily back into St. Giles'.

Our topic this term will be "**Total Eclipse of The Greeks**" which covers our History/Geography work on ancient and modern Greece and Earth and Space in Science.

History/Geography: In history we will be identifying when and where the Ancient Greek civilisation existed, gods and goddesses, daily life and famous battles. Alongside this, we will locate Greece on a European and world map, exploring lines of longitude and latitude and time zones.

Art/D&T: This term's art units are Myths and Legends and Horrendous Mask Making. Both units link with history and will involve elements of drawing, designing, printing and 3D models. Design and Technology involves food and is also linked to Greece. The children will work through the process of designing, making and evaluating Greek-style dips.

Computing: We will develop knowledge and understanding of spreadsheets for conversions, counting and using advanced formulae in the first half term. In the second half of term we will be teaching the children to construct and databases.

RE/Music/ French: In R.E. we are exploring the 5 pillars of Islam and then exploring the question 'What did Jesus do to save human beings?' Our music unit is linked to Ancient Worlds and French will continue to be taught by Madame Saunders on a Tuesday afternoon.

Daily **Literacy** and **Numeracy** sessions will continue every morning. There will be an emphasis on reading and writing stories based around Philip Pullman's book *The Firework-Makers Daughter* and Greek myths and legends. We will also be exploring a range of non-fiction genres including non-chronological reports and explanation writing. Children will continue to have a list of words to learn for a test the following week. This term we will be doing afternoon booster sessions for children in Year 6 preparing them for their upcoming SAT tests in May (N.B. SATs take place during the week beginning 14th May 2018).

Please encourage your child to read at home as often as possible and feel free to record your comments in their reading diaries.

Outdoor games will be on Tuesday afternoon and the children will need warm clothes this term. Ragleth and Nesscliffe have their additional PE on session on a Friday, whilst Caradoc have theirs with Mr Edwards on a Thursday morning. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school each week and that if earrings are worn, they are removed or covered with tape on P.E. days.

Please contact any of us if you have any queries.

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