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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you have all had a restful break and that the children are ready to build on a promising start to the academic year.

The main topic this term will have a history focus. We will be learning about ancient Greece and comparing this ancient civilization to modern times. In English this term, we will be continuing with our book *Brightstorm* by Vashti Hardy before moving on to *Beasts from Olympus* by Lucy Coats later in the term. We will be also be reading and studying a selection of Greek myths. The writing will involve collecting a range of vocabulary, sentence construction and drama. The children will be writing their own mythical story. In Maths, we will begin with multiplication and division before moving onto fractions. Times tables knowledge is essential and whilst we will not be setting formal homework, we ask that children continue to learn, practise and build confidence in this area. In science, we will continue to focus on living things and their habitats and comparing the life cycles of different animals.

We are very lucky and excited to have been invited to take part in an art project organised and funded by the Arts Council. This is based around the pioneering work and achievements of Blanche Thornycroft who worked as a naval architect during the period of the first world war. We will be taking part in workshops under the guidance of visiting artists and producing art pieces which will go on display next summer at the Classic Boat Museum.

Children need to wear their PE kits and Queensgate sweatshirt into school on Mondays and Thursdays. 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, Miss Saddington, Mrs Norsworthy, Miss Hume, Miss Gallop



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