

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 very promising start to the new academic year. The new routines and times around the school are still in force and of course, any new instructions given to schools around Covid 19, will be implemented..

The main topic this term will be centred around Ancient Greece and in particular, comparing 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 be centred around collecting vocabulary, sentence constructing, drama and writing their own mythical story. In Maths, we will begin with statistics before moving onto multiplication, division and finally, measurement. Times tables knowledge is essential.

In other areas, we will be focusing on life cycles of animals in science, we will learn about Greek artefacts and making clay plaques in Art, creating media and vector drawing in Computing and Getting Along and Falling Out in PSHE.

Other homework tasks will start to be set to go alongside asking each child to 1] to read daily 2] to learn times tables, up to x12 and 3] learn weekly spellings – these will come home on paper each Thursday. 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 7th 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, given the imposed constraints. 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 Lloyd, Mrs Wiper, Mrs Best, Mr Millwood, Mrs Norsworthy and Miss Brown





