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Dear Parents/Carers

I have been hearing all about the exciting times had over Christmas and New Year and lovely presents they have received – what lucky children! On this note, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you for the presents and cards we received from the children; they were very much appreciated and never expected.

The children have had a great start to the new term and most of them are now used to the fast pace in Year 6 along with our high expectations in terms of behavior for learning. They have also all worked conscientiously on their homework booklets and should be very proud of themselves.

Our project for the next two terms is, '**What legacies did the Ancient Greeks leave behind?**' It is an incredible project as it incorporates so many different subjects. We are planning a WOW day which will be a trip to Bristol Museum to see the fabulous artefacts on display which will help us with our learning. We have already started our science work on the planets which the children are quite fascinated about. In English we will be studying a number of books including The Adventures of Odysseus and Skellig; we will also be looking at many other texts during the course of our whole class reading. Maths is focusing on decimals, percentages, converting measures and algebra, which will be quite challenging but I am sure the class will continue to rise to it! It is **essential** that the children continue to regularly practice their times tables. This will enable them to work quickly and accurately in Maths during Year 6 and beyond.

During the coming term, Mrs. Jenkinson and I will be offering help to parents who would like to get up to speed on the methods we use in Year 6 in Maths, from division of fractions to long multiplication and much more. We can also show you how we support the children in reading, and reading comprehensions. This will be an after school event and run from 3:30 – 5.00 p.m. We will let you know in due course when this will be and will be dependent on the Covid 19 situation. We have booklets that we can send out with lots of key information which will also help you with the key knowledge.

PE - P.E. will continue on a Thursday and Friday afternoon for these terms. Please ensure your child has the correct clothing for these sessions.

SATs - SATs are in Term 5 although we will be doing some practice over the next two terms so that the children are comfortable and happy with what they have to do. The children will be supported as necessary during these and so there is no need for anyone to worry. I will provide you with further information nearer the time.

Thank you very much for your continued support and if there are any questions or further information needed please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Sam Nicholson and the Year 6 Team.

