



January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of another exciting and busy term.

Now that the excitement of Christmas is over, we will return to our normal homework routine, starting next Monday, with new spellings being set this Friday. Due to very positive feedback from parents, our weekly spellings will continue to be sent home as a paper copy and will also continue to be available on EdShed.

A new project will be set, linked to our new topic – all of the information is on the reverse of this letter and will also be available shortly on the school website.

Your child should be reading daily – *even if they are a free reader* - and have their home-school diary signed. We check diaries every Monday and children who have not read twice (the bare minimum) at home with an adult will attend a lunchtime reading club. We can only go by what is in their diary so please remember to sign or initial any reading they do at home along with the title of the book and the pages read. If your child is still on the Oxford Reading Scheme, they should ideally be reading to an adult daily. Please remember any book read can be recorded in their diary as we just need to know they are reading on a regular basis.

The children are all beginning to make excellent progress with their recall of times tables. When using TTRockstars in class before Christmas, the children became very animated about their scores and how quick they were able to recall facts accurately. Hopefully, you found the times table heat map informative that was sent home just before Christmas. You can view these on your child's account and I will be sending home another one just before Easter, which should continue to show progress. This term, we will be working on the 7x table. An additional TTRockstars club runs on a Wednesday lunchtime however this should be additional to their practice at home.

During this term, we will be attending swimming lessons at Cheltenham College every Monday (09.55 - 10:25 in the pool):

January 15th, 22nd, 29th

February 5th, 19th, 26th

March 4th, 11th, 18th

It is much easier for the children to wear PE kits on our swimming days as it enables them to be much quicker when changing. Our in-school PE day will be a Thursday.

Finally, please remember to check our Class Dojo to keep updated on the activities we are doing in class as well as reminders for events coming up.

Mrs Seabrook

where we all flourish

Sparta or Athens?

Where Would You Rather Live Campaign

You are to choose whether you would rather live in Sparta or Athens. You must set up a campaign to enlist as many new people as possible to join your polis.

Create a visual display that persuades others, including arguments with supporting evidence, as to why these newcomers should live in your polis and not in the other.

This may be done in the form a poster, brochure, advertisement, leaflet, ppt etc.

Checklist:

1. You **must** include a *creative slogan* on the front of your display
2. You **must** include at least 10 different and accurate reasons as to why newcomers should choose your city-state and not the other.

**At least 1 of your 10 different and accurate reasons should be on government, 1 must focus on children and education, 1 should be on the role of men, and another 1 should be geared towards the role of women in your city-state.*

You can include pictures with captions.



Due Wednesday 7th February 2024