



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Summer Term 2024 – Years 5 and 6

This term we start our new topic, *'It's All Greek To Me!'* We will be exploring the ancient Greek way of life and what, in the present day, we have learned from them. We will look at myths and legends as well as the Gods they believed in. Later in the term the children will participate in a **GREEK DAY** at school, further details will follow.

If you have any topic-related resources or artefacts which might interest the children, we would be grateful if you could let the children bring them into school to show. We will, of course, take the utmost care of them! Also if you or a family member have a particular interest in this area and would be willing to support in school, please let us know.



We have attached a topic plan so that you can see some of the key activities and learning journeys the children will be covering.

SATs

Our Year 6 children are taking their SATs tests week commencing **13th May 2024**. We have all been working very hard to ensure that the children are ready for these assessments, but if your child needs any further support please do not hesitate to speak to us.

If your child is ill during the test week, please advise the school office as soon as possible – pupils are able to take the test in school and then return home if necessary.

The timetable of the week is:

Monday 13th May – Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Papers 1 and 2

Tuesday 14th May – Reading Paper

Wednesday 15th May – Maths Arithmetic Paper 1 and Maths Reasoning Paper 2

Thursday 16th May – Maths Reasoning Paper 3

Topic Books

We have come to the end of our Spring topic, *'To Infinity and Beyond!'* Your child will be bringing their completed topic book home to share with you. Please could you add a comment on the review sheet about your child's work this term and return to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Class Assemblies

If you would like to see your child taking part in their class assembly, the dates for this term are as follows:

BRAZIL CLASS (Mr Long) – Monday 24th June (2:45-3:10pm)



PE and PE Days

Unfortunately at the end of last term, some children were beginning to forget their PE kit and as we have limited spares at school it is not always possible to provide an alternative. Please could you ensure that your child has their named kit in school so that they are able to participate fully in all PE and Games sessions. The children should wear a t-shirt of their House colour and navy shorts/sports skirt. Appropriate footwear is needed for PE sessions on the playground or field.



Children are not permitted to borrow kit from other children.

If your child is unable to participate in a session due to illness or injury, please either inform the office or send a short note in to your child's class teacher.

The days for PE lessons are detailed below:

BRAZIL CLASS (Mr Long) – Thursday and Friday

MOROCCO CLASS (Mr Moule) – Wednesday and Friday

USA CLASS (Mr Jones) – Thursday and Friday

Homework

We will be sending home our *'It's All Greek To Me!'* homework grid this week. This system is intended to give the children more independence and choice as to what they would like to do to extend their own learning. Your child will select a task to complete every two weeks, over the term.

Pupils will also receive a mathematics task from their teacher each week and a grammar activity. Each piece of homework should take **up to** 45 minutes.

Your child will bring home a spelling list each week.



The handing in dates for homework are as follows:

- Grammar homework is set on Fridays and is due in the following Wednesday.
- Maths homework is set on Fridays and is due in the following Wednesday, as well as practising their times tables.
- In addition to this homework, children will be expected to read on a regular basis.
- Weekly spelling lists will be sent home each week for the children to practice.

If your child is unable to complete a task in the time allocated or is unable to hand the work in on the set date, please let the class teacher know.

Occasionally, we may send pieces of work home to be completed. This is to ensure that your child does not fall behind the majority of the class and become overwhelmed with trying to complete several tasks during the school day.

Healthy Lunchboxes

As part of our aim to provide our children with healthy lifestyles, we would like to remind you that your child should be provided with a balanced packed lunch. If your child would like a snack at breaktime, please can you ensure that they bring a piece of fruit or vegetables, such as carrot sticks.

Please **do not** send your child to school with **nuts, peanut butter or products containing nuts and sesame** as we do have children in the school who are severely allergic to such items.



As we start the Summer Term and look forward to some warm weather, please could you encourage your child to bring in a bottle for drinking water –no squash or fruit juice please.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Jones, Mr Moule and Mr Long
Year 5/6 Class Teachers

