

# Windmill Primary School



Year 3/4 Curriculum Newsletter  
Spring 2- **Groovy Greeks**



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been yet another busy term, full of amazing learning. The children, as always, have worked their socks off!

## Overview of themes for the year

**Spring 2-** Groovy Greeks

**Summer 1-** Rainforests

**Summer 2-** Africa

## Trips and Visitors for the year

**Summer 1/Summer 2-** As our Fab Finale for our Rainforest theme and our Wow starter for our Summer 2 theme we will be going to the Living Rainforest and The Cotswold Wildlife Park, staying overnight at the Court Hill Centre Hostel costing around £100.

## Groovy Greeks

Our theme for the next term is Groovy Greeks where we will be exploring the Ancient Greek world; we will be finding out about what life was like in Ancient Greece, discovering different significant figures of the time and considering how life in Ancient Greece has influenced life in the Western World.

On Wow day 1, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, we will be exploring our key text, becoming more familiar with the Greek gods and goddesses.

**On Wow day 2, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, we will be having a day in the life of a person living in Ancient Greece. We would therefore like children to dress up in an Ancient Greek outfit – some ideas are below. Please ensure that your child(ren) has sensible footwear and something warm to wear out at playtime.**



## English

In English we will be focusing on Meeting Tales; our focused text for this term is going to be Who Let the Gods out? Elliot's mum is ill and his home is under threat, but a shooting star crashes to earth and changes his life forever. The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But the pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, and must then turn to the old Olympian gods for help.

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After centuries of cushy retirement on earth, are Zeus and his crew up to the task of saving the world - and solving Elliot's problems too? Wait and see to find out more!

Spellings will be linked to our work on Get Spelling and will come home on a Monday. Spellings will be stuck into reading record books so please ensure that they are in school, especially on that day. Please support your child(ren) to learn spellings ready to be tested on Fridays.

### **Reading**

We will be developing our understanding of reading through reading skills sessions. Please listen to your child read at least three times a week and make a note of it in the reading record book. Don't forget that every time your child(ren) reads they get a raffle ticket which goes into a weekly draw to win a bonus 30 early bird points.

### **Maths**

During this term Year 3 will be working on their understanding of statistics, length and perimeter and then moving on to fractions. Year 4 will be focusing on fractions and decimals.

### **Times tables**

Please support your child(ren) with the learning of their times tables. Children in Year 3 and 4 need to learn and recall facts for all the times tables up to 12 x. They are tested every week and all children will know which times table they need to be learning. If you could keep practising with your child(ren) we will all become times table superstars!

**Key Dates: - Please see dates sheet**

Thank you in advance for all your support. We hope you have a great half term and we look forward to seeing you in Spring 2.

Year 3 and 4 Team