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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We would just like say a big welcome to all the children as they enter their final year at Cleves Cross. Our topic for this half term is Ancient Greece and as you can see below, lots of our learning will be linked to this.

- History - The story of the Trojan Horse: Historical fact, legend or myth? We will also study Ancient Greek life, achievements and influences on the Western World
- Art - A study of Ancient Greek pottery and clay techniques to produce an Ancient Greek style pot

Other Curriculum subjects:

In **English** this half term, we will be reading a range of biographies and autobiographies. We will use texts from Roald Dahl and Michael Morpurgo and the children will use their own experiences to write an autobiographical account. Some reading and written compositions will be linked to our topic through studying Greek myths and legends. In addition to this, we will continue with daily reading, comprehension activities, grammar, punctuation, and consolidating spelling rules and patterns.

**Maths** - We have a wealth of objectives that need to be covered this term. Children will investigate the place value of larger numbers and need to be able to use formal written calculations for the four operations. There will be an emphasis on problem solving and maths investigations. The children will also have a weekly mental maths/ arithmetic test and focused times tables practice and tests. It is really important that the children spend time learning their multiplication tables and related division facts as these are key to much of the maths work that the children encounter every day.

**Science** - Biology: Living things and their habitats. We will be looking at the history of classification of living things from Aristotle to the present day. We will be studying the binomial system introduced by Linnaeus & the seven levels of classification used today. We will also begin to understand why classification is important and use and create classification keys.

**ICT** - Digital Literacy: Children will understand the importance of the school online safety rules and know that it is important to keep information safe online. They will create positive profiles online to be a responsible citizen of the community. In IT, children will also learn to create music to accompany a story, presentation or digital movie. They will use the main features of Office software to produce suitable documents and presentations for an audience.





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**PSHCE** - We will be following our school SEAL programme and the theme for this half term is 'New Beginnings'. Children will be learning to recognise their worth as individuals, by identifying positive things about themselves and their achievements, seeing their mistakes, making amends and setting personal goals.

**RE** - What can we find out about religious diversity in our area? We will consider the concept of diversity and a diverse range of views about questions of living together, tolerance and respect.

**Spanish** - Building on the Spanish children completed in Year 5, we will focus on colours, shapes and prepositions of place, which will be used creatively to describe the artwork of Miro.

**Music** - All the learning in this unit is focused around one song: Happy, a Pop song by Pharrell Williams.

**PE** - PE will be on a Monday and we will have a football coach in school delivering lessons outside as much as possible. Remember, PE kits must be worn into school on this day and you will need suitable trainers for being outside.

Homework is an essential part of Year 6 (as with every other year) and is a key part of learning independently and consolidating skills learnt in school. Completion and return of Reading (three times a week), Maths and English tasks will be essential this year, and we would like to thank you in advance for your continued support with helping your child to complete them. Homework will generally be given out on a Friday to be returned to school for the following Tuesday.

Maths homework will be set through conquer maths. Conquer maths is a website that children can use to carry out their own learning as well as completing set tasks. Children can continue to use Times Table Rockstars to help build their speed and agility. Children can also use other websites to help with basic number facts such as 'Hit the button' and Speed challenge. English homework will be a range of reading/grammar and spelling activities and on occasions, those linked to the topic we are studying.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of the curriculum further, please do not hesitate to contact us at school or via the class email [y6cleves@cclt.education](mailto:y6cleves@cclt.education)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Brentnall, Mrs Claydon, Mrs Wall and Mrs Jones

Year 6

