



# Brackenhill Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

## Year 3 – Willow and Ash

Theme this half term: Athens VS Sparta

Dear Parents & Carers,

This half term, the children will be completing their previous unit of “Come Fly With Me – Africa” where we will be looking at the history of Benin as well as learning more about African culture, food and dance. We will then move onto our new unit of work “The Lindow Man” and “Athens VS Sparta”.

As the new Spring term begins, we would like to kindly remind you of the importance of reading at home with your child. The effect of reading for just 20 minutes a day with your child has an astonishing effect on your child’s reading so please try to do this as often as you can with your child. Each child has been given a log-in for the online reading platform “MyOn” – which has over 1000 books on it! Please also work with your child to learn their spellings which you will find listed below for this half term. Please also work with your child to help them practise their 3, 4- and 8-times tables.

Thank you for your continued support.

What will we be learning about and how can you help your child?

**English:** Innovating a Greek Myth – The children will be reading Perseus and the Gorgan Medusa. They will be identifying and understanding the different language features that have been used within the text in order to make it an effective piece of writing. They will innovate and rewrite their own version of this Greek Myth. You can help your child watching videos of different Greek myths to expose them to a range of myths.

**Maths:** We will be continuing to work on multiplication and division. We will then move on to length and perimeter, mass and capacity. You can write some multiplication and division problems using 3-digit numbers your child can try, you can also support your child in using a strategy to solve the problems. You can also help your child by exposing them to mass and capacity mathematical language.

**Theme:** This half term there will be a big focus on History as we will learning about The Lindow Man as well as the history of Athens vs Sparta conflict in Ancient Greece. Learning is centred on how the Greeks used to live, including the key aspect of mythology, especially highlighting the conflicts that characterised Ancient Greece. You can support your child by visiting the Ancient Greek section of the BBC KS2 History website and reading about what life was like back then.

### Reminders

PE Days – Ash (Thursday) Willow (Thursday)

Please ensure water bottles are taken home daily, washed, and then returned the following day with fresh water.

Please can we also kindly remind you that food containing nuts **should not** be included in packed lunches as we are a nut free school.

Your child will either be bringing home a reading book or should use their MyOn log-in to read online. Please can you try to listen to them read and then when they have completed the book, they will take a quiz in school about what they have read. When they complete the quiz, they will change their book for a new one.

### Spellings for the half term

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Sky	Touch	Ground	Ground	Creature	Sure
Fly	Could	Mouth	Mouth	Picture	Pleasure
Dry	Double	Loud	Loud	Adventure	Ensure
Fry	Would	Round	Round	Future	Pressure
Shy	Enough	Bounce	Bounce	Sculpture	Reassure
Famous	Forwards	Group	Group	History	Important
Favourite	Fruit	Guard	Guard	Imagine	Interest
February	Grammar	Guide	Guide	Increase	Island
Dainty	Independent	Bigarre	Sinister	Insufferable	Handsome