



Chameleon Class Newsletter End of Term 1 and looking forward to Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great start to the new year! It has been lovely to see all the children back, looking smart and ready for action. They have risen to the challenge of their new year groups really well. Now that they are all in Upper Key Stage 2, the expectations for learning behaviour and conduct behaviour are that much higher; and they have repeatedly shown these positive behaviours during their time in and out of the classroom. We now need to keep this momentum going throughout the year. Well done to them all so far.

Having the topic of Ancient Greece has very much sparked interest into the learning for the class. We have been reading two books that relate to this topic: 'Who Let the Gods Out?' and 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief'. These quality texts are full of excitement, drama, some humour, and a host of opportunities that the children are using to promote the quality and content of their own writing.

We had a really enjoyable trip into Bristol to the museum this term, too. As well as demonstrating the levels of behavior that we would want on a trip out and about, the children really got involved in the learning. We learnt more about Ancient Greece through hands-on pottery studies, and also had the chance to enjoy other parts of the museum including Ancient Egypt, Dinosaurs and rare animals.

The work in RE this term has really given children the chance to think deeply and share their views. We have been discussing the Christian creation story and whether it is conflicting or complimentary with science – or a bit of both. It is always wonderful to see how thoughtful, mature and insightful your children can be when weighing-up different aspects of this interesting topic.

Chameleon Class had a fantastic time exploring art this term. They studied Greek pot designs and created their own, which I'm sure were admired when they took them home. They also crafted mosaics and practised their drawing skills by accurately sketching the Minotaur.

In computing, the children explored games and programmed their own using Scratch. They also learned how to make online quizzes, which we'll enjoy playing throughout the year whenever we have the chance!

Next term, some of the things we will be studying are: the different regions of the UK as geographers, looking at and testing materials as scientists, and learning the sport of lacrosse as athletes.

Have a lovely half term break, and we look forward to seeing you back in November.

Best wishes

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