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**We are Fern Class**

Year 4 February 2020

Welcome Back! Fern class at Middlethorpe Primary Academy are excited to continue with our new knowledge based curriculum, which places powerful knowledge at its heart. Each half term there is a different subject focus, this half term the whole school will be focussing on History. To support children’s learning we have developed Knowledge Organisers for History and Science, these aim to help children to retain and recall the essential knowledge that they will be taught. Each Knowledge Organiser includes key dates, people, vocabulary, definitions, events and contextual or technical information that we would like the children to know by heart by the end of the topic. Knowledge Organisers for each class can be found on the website but will also be sent home for you to support them in learning the essential knowledge. We expect the majority of children to be able to recall all of the information on the Knowledge Organiser by the end of a half term. Why not have a family quiz? Try asking your child to teach you ten things they know each week. There are lots of fun ways to embed this crucial learning, have fun! Follow us on Twitter to see what we are doing in class (see below).

**SPRING TERM 2 SUBJECT FOCUS**

We will be focusing on History.

Our Enquiry question is: How far did the Ancient Greeks influence the Western World?

We will explore chronology, civilisation, culture, community, society and diversity.

**In each subject we will be learning:**

Science: Electricity

PE: Gymnastics, Tennis and Swimming

PSHE: Healthy Me

RE: Is forgiveness always possible?

Music: Singing and ukulele

D&T: Electricity

ICT: Animation



**Important Days**

Our indoor PE day is **Friday** and outdoor PE will be on **Tuesday**, children need to have both kits in school all week please in case of any timetable changes.

Swimming will be the last 2 weeks of this half term. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

We all need to read 5 times a week and Reading Records will be checked when handed in weekly. Reading bools should be changed independently by the children when they are ready for a new book.

Spelling and tables tests will be on a Friday. Spellings are given out every Friday and are expected in by the following Thursday.

**English and Maths**

**English:** We are reading Who Let the Gods out?

**Maths:** We are practising area, place value, written multiplication, 2D shape and position, addition and subtraction,

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