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Dear Parents

Welcome back to school! I hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas break. Thank you to all of you for my very thoughtful gifts last term ... they were much appreciated!

Our Topic for this term is Greeks and Romans. We will be looking at a number of aspects of what life was like at these times, including finding out about religious beliefs, and the effect these cultures have had on our lives today. For our termly project, each child will be expected to make a **Roman shield**, and a sword as well, if they so wish. All projects are due in on Monday 25th March.

In Science, the KS1 (year 2) pupils will be finding out about Materials, while KS2 (years 3-4) will be learning about Forces and Magnets, which will include learning about Friction and investigating the way magnets work.

Homework will, as always, be set on a Tuesday, then collected the following Tuesday for marking. I would like to remind all concerned that the expectation is that **the work will be completed neatly, in pencil, and to the same standard as expected in the classroom**. Only children with a pen licence may use pen in their homework books, and there should **never be any use of felt-tips or glitter pens**. Work needs to be trimmed neatly and stuck in with glue, never sticky tape. Pupils are expected to complete their tasks with as much independence as possible, although they may require assistance on occasion. As well as the weekly task, your child will need to complete a weekly spelling investigation in line with the requirements of the new National Curriculum. **They are also expected to read every day**, and this should be recorded in their Reading Record. You don't have to complete a detailed comment every day, but there is place available for a signature. Your child should be spending about 20-30 minutes reading in the afternoon/early evening, and some of the older children like signing their reading records themselves!

While PE is timetabled in on specific days of the week, it is important that all children have their PE kits in school all week. Their kit will need to be clearly labelled and kept in a bag in the cloakroom. Ear-rings will need to be removed prior to lessons by the child. Please remember to include warm clothing for outdoor activities, as the temperatures begin to drop outside!

Should you have any queries relating to your child's school life, please do not hesitate to drop me a note, or make an appointment through the office to see me in person. I regret that I cannot be approached in the classroom once the school day has begun, but I am available at the school gate in the afternoons. With thanks.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N. Greenberg
Class 2 Teacher