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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and you had a lovely Easter. I would like to start by thanking you for all your support last term. It is great that so many of you are able to attend outcomes, provide things we need for particular projects and really encourage the children to get involved with everything. The children were so proud of their chocolate projects and all your efforts at home to make them possible, was greatly appreciated.

Our topic for this term is Ancient Greece. In literacy, we will be looking at a fictional story 'Perseus and the Gorgon Medusa'. This story will introduce the children to a wealth of new, exciting vocabulary and writing skills that they can then use in their own stories. During our non-fiction literacy lessons, we will be looking at explanation texts and writing our own about Greece, using ICT to help us research and explore the Greek culture, beliefs and achievements during that era. The children will have many opportunities that involve geography, history and art for this topic and we have some very exciting things lined up for them to learn and enjoy.

In science, the children will be learning about sound and carrying out their own vibration investigations. During ICT, the children will be completing internet research in connection to our topic and continuing with their MyMaths tasks.

We will continue to have PE on a Tuesday afternoon this term. Please make sure that your child has a named PE kit in school, including trainers. We will be going outside every week if it is dry! If your child has their ears pierced, please make sure that they are able to remove their earrings themselves or provide plasters to cover them up for their lesson. Children with long hair will need to have their hair tied up so please provide a hairband in their kit as well. It is useful if your child leaves their kit in school during the term, this also ensures they have a change of clothes option should they ever need it. Please also make sure that your child continues to come to school with a named water bottle every day. Swimming will start again this term and class 4 will be swimming on a Friday morning. Please make sure your child has a named swimming kit in school for this session.

I will continue to set literacy homework on a Monday and MyMaths on a Friday. If you need any log in reminders, please do not hesitate to contact me. Children should be reading at home 3/4 times per week, this is proven to have a huge impact on their vocabulary and language skills. I know life can be busy, but please try to fill in their reading record books, even if it is just a signature, thank you.

We still have voluntary readers that come in to school, when possible, to read with the children. Please contact the school office if you or anyone you know would like to join us as a voluntary reader, we would love to have you!

As our trip to High Ash is nearly upon us, making this term a very short one, we will have our class outcome on the first week back after half term (7<sup>th</sup> June at 2:15 – 3:15pm), where you will get a chance to see all the pictures from High Ash and hear the children tell you all about their exciting experiences.

Further details about our itinerary for High Ash and details of spending money etc, will be sent out over the next couple of weeks. Myself and Mr. King are thoroughly looking forward to spending the week with all your little lovelies, exploring and experiencing all things Derbyshire and I'm sure we will all have an amazing time.

Thank you all again for your continued support and here's to another fabulous term! If you have any questions about anything please do not hesitate to ask us before or after school or send an email via the office.

Warm regards,

Miss. Reilly and Mrs. Radcliffe