

Good to see so many of you at Parent's evening.

This week, the children have been finding out about Ancient Greek history from different sources; looking at pictures of artefacts, reading books and using the internet, they have researched the different Greek gods and goddesses and creating their own comic strips with their favourite Greek God or goddess as the main character. They have been finding out about the Trojan War and written a diary entry as either a Greek or a Trojan.

In **English**, the children put their creative writing skills to the test, writing some wonderfully imaginative stories about a mysterious stranger in the woods. As part of the planning stage we took a walk through the copse, in the school grounds, and collected ideas for describing a setting using all 5 senses.

Next week, the children will:

- Continue to learn about the different types of 'fronted adverbials' that they can use in their writing.
- 'Box up the story'. Look at the structure of King Midas and plan a *class story* with the same structure.
- Through shared and independent writing, practise using the grammatical features in 'King Midas'.
- Plan and write a non-fiction piece of writing that gives advice on bullying and friendship.

In **Maths** this week, the children have been \times and \div by 10 and 100.

Next week, the children will:

- Multiply and divide by 1 and 0
- Multiply and divide by 6. This will involve learning all the facts for the 6 times table.

<http://www.snappymaths.com/multdiv/6xtable/interactive/6ximinute/6ximmm.htm>

<http://www.snappymaths.com/multdiv/6xtable/interactive/6xattack.htm>

<http://www.snappymaths.com/multdiv/6xtable/interactive/6xdivimin/6xtabdivimin.htm>

I have added the above links for extra practise (2 of them *should be* tablet friendly and the other you will need flash).

Next week is 'Anti-bullying week' and the whole school will be thinking about how we are 'All Different, All Equal'. In year 4 we are looking at what bullying means, the different types of bullying that there are and exploring the meaning of friendship.

For our Topic: The children will start to design and make a Greek pot out of clay.

A revolting weekend fact: Ancient Greek "father of medicine" Hippocrates diagnosed his patients by drinking their wee and tasting their ear wax and bogies.

Have a great weekend,

The Year 4 Team.