



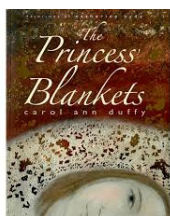
Welcome back to Spring Term 2

Otters and Pine Martens!

Here is a brief overview of **this term**:



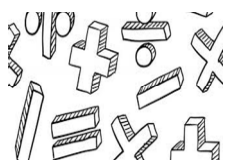
TOPIC: During term 4, we will continue our topic, 'Groovy Greeks' focussing on the ancient Olympics and a few more myths.



ENGLISH: Our English writing will be based on the beautifully written 'The Princess' blankets' by Carol-Ann Duffy. We hope the detailed description will inspire the children's writing; allowing them to practise and develop their writing skills whilst encouraging them to use a wide range of vocabulary. We will develop narratives, letters and diary entries based on the text, pictures and film clips.

READING: Our daily guided reading sessions will continue to focus on the Ancient Greek myths and information about the Olympics. All children should be reading daily at home. After lunch every day we have a 15 minute **silent reading session** and strongly encourage the children to bring in their current home reading book. Please check the website for author and book recommendations (<https://www.thetynings.co.uk/children-and-classes/upper KS2>).

Grammar skills and spelling sessions (known as SPaG) take place daily with weekly **spelling tests on Fridays**. Please check the website for spelling lists. Wrong spelling words from the morning's test will be corrected by your child during Friday lunchtime.



MATHS: Term 4 will have a strong geometry focus as the children develop their knowledge and understanding of perimeter and area as well as the properties of 3D shapes. Later in the term, we will study angles and properties of rectangles. **Times table tests will be on Fridays**. Remember to use Mathletics at home.



P.E. A polite reminder - please ensure you have your **complete named kit at all times** (navy or black shorts, **house T-shirt**, trainers/daps, tracksuit bottoms and jumper for outdoor lessons). Girls' hair **MUST** be tied back and all jewellery, including stud earrings, removed or covered with tape. We will have one weekly outdoor session of outdoor team games **with a sports coach on**

Thursdays and indoor dance **on Tuesdays**.

PPA: We'd like to thank Bristol Sport for organising a visit from Mike Vigor and Jaiden McCloud of the Bristol Flyers basketball squad last term. Coach Ollie and Bristol Sport will cover PPA on **Thursday mornings for 'Sums and scrums' – a rugby themed problem solving/ mathematical programme**. This will involve one lesson of theory and one practical session each week. Consequently, forest school clothes will not be needed in Spring 2.



WATER BOTTLES: Our brains continue to be challenged in Year 5! Please bring a **full water bottle** in every day to keep you alert and hydrated.

Homework: Thank you for your continued support with homework. We will continue to give spellings, maths and English homework every Friday, to be marked together in class the following Friday.

HOME-LEARNING We are looking forward to sharing the 'Mythology' home-learning projects, due in the first week after half term.

AND FINALLY... Please do not hesitate to see us if you have any problems or concerns.

Mrs Ponsford (Pine Martens) and Miss Hudson (Otters)

Dates for your diary (so far):

Mon 25th Feb Term 4 begins

Wed 27th Feb Parent consultation evenings from 3.30pm

Thurs 28th Feb Parent consultation evenings from 5.30pm

Thurs 7th March World book day – pyjama and story afternoon

Thurs 21st March Scholastic Book fair begins

Friday 5th April Year 5 parent celebration of learning – come and see our amazing learning and enjoy a Greek dance!