

Dear Parents

In Spring 1, the children have a history focus on Ancient Greece. We have invited Portals to the Past to provide a Life in Ancient Greece Day in the school on **Friday 26 January 2024**. The voluntary contribution for the day is **£6.50** per child, which will go towards the whole day of learning.

Portals to the Past is a company which provides immersive and practical History, Science and Literature workshops to schools. The workshop, which will take place in the school hall during normal school hours, will give us a feeling of what it was like to be a Greek in ancient times.

On the day, the morning workshop consists of a short introduction to Greek life and culture, followed by four engaging activities:

- A Greek quiz, with loads of fun Greek facts for the children to discover
- Archimedes' Stomachion – the oldest known mathematical puzzle
- Petteia, the Greek strategy game
- Myths and legends – the children are transported to a Greek theatre where they re-enact Greek myths and legends

In the afternoon, there will be a demonstration from a Greek warrior. Then the differences between the city states of Athens and Sparta are explored, the children take a lesson in democracy, which is followed by a mini Olympic Games. The great battle of Gaugamela between Alexander the Great and King Darius will round off an engaging and fun day.

A simple costume will help your child feel part of the day. Here are some ideas:

- **Tunic for boys/Chiton for girls:** This can be a simple white dress for girls or a large white T-shirt for boys and girls. You can also make one from a pillowcase, or even an old sheet: fold it over, stitch up the sides and cut a hole at the top for your head. Boys can wear with a belt, cord or sash around the waist, while girls may wear with a simple thin apron.
- **Himation:** Fasten a rectangle of coloured cloth with a brooch or button on the left shoulder.

We need a few adult helpers during the day for each class, and we welcome your participation. If you are able to attend, please complete the form and we will offer these places on a first come, first served basis.

Best wishes

Hollise Britton (Year 4 Achievement Leader) and the Year 4 team