

Thursday 19 September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Ancient Greek Day and Creswell Craggs Trip

We have been busy organising exciting experiences for our Year 3s to enhance their learning by providing experiences that immerse them. As part of this term's enquiry, What defines a culture?, we have arranged an Ancient Greek Day for our Year 3 pupils on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024**. We have also organised a trip to Creswell Craggs on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025** to support our learning of the Stone Age in our spring enquiry, Is it survival of the fittest?

#### **Ancient Greek Day – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Our exciting Ancient Greek Day will be run by Dr Ian Parker Heath an archaeologist from Enrichment Through Archaeology. The children will begin the day by becoming archaeologists themselves. They will be excavating artefacts and working out who once used what they uncover! The children will also step back in time and explore life in Ancient Greece by becoming a baker, a weaver, a painter, and even a speaker of ancient Greek!

We would like to invite the children to come dressed in traditional Ancient Greek attire, such as tunics, robes or togas (this could be as simple as a white bed sheet) and sensible footwear. Below are some simple ideas which the children could wear.

#### **What to Wear**

Ancient Greeks wore simple tunics with cloaks. To make one, fold a long rectangular piece of material in half and cut a semi-circle shape in the fold to go over the child's head. Then use rope, cord or a leather belt to gather in at the waist. Alternatively, a long, plain T-shirt (no logos) which is belted could be worn. Here is a link a video on how to turn a pillow case into a tunic.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9BI44dbt-A>

#### **Creswell Craggs Trip – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

We have organised an exciting trip to the 'extraordinary archaeological park', Creswell Craggs, located in Nottinghamshire. Set within a remarkable gorge, Creswell Craggs is equipped with a museum displaying artefacts from the Ice Age. Pupils will also have the opportunity to see inside the historic caves, and learn more about life in prehistoric Britain. This has been an extremely enjoyable trip for previous Year 3 pupils, and one which we know provides a fantastic 'real-life' context to their enquiry learning.

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We will be visiting on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025** on a whole day trip, taking part in three workshops, themed on 'On the Hunt'. During the workshops, the children will journey to Creswell Crags' largest cave and see where people sheltered during the last Ice Age. Handle replica Stone Age tools, learn about the humans who made them, and travel into the darkest chamber to hear about the Ice Age animals who lived there. They will learn how to make a shelter using natural materials, throw spears like a Stone Age hunter, and see how visitors to Creswell Crags made fire over 12,000 years ago. They will become a palaeontologist and learn all about the animals that roamed through Creswell Crags thousands of years ago. Assemble real animal skeletons and discover if they were food or foe.

Further details regarding the trip will be sent out closer to the trip date.

For these amazing experiences to go ahead, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £27.50 per child. This includes the price of the workshop and school visit to Creswell Crags. This will need to be paid using Parent Pay by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024**.

There will be 3 instalment payments set up on Parent Pay starting on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

27 <sup>th</sup> September	£10
25 <sup>th</sup> October	£10
29 <sup>th</sup> November	£7.50

We are happy to receive payments to suit your family's circumstances. If you wish to use the instalment option you may, however there will also be the option to pay in full. Please make sure that payments are paid by the dates identified above.

If we are unable to meet the costs of the experience through voluntary contributions, the experiences will not be able to go ahead.

If you have any questions, please come in and see us.

Kind Regards,

The Year 3 Team