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Dear Parents and Carers

This term was a great success, despite the strange situations we are all living and working in these days. We miss seeing parents, carers and friends in school. Hopefully next year will see us all having more face to face communications.

Highlights of this term include: continuing to get to know your amazingly creative and sociable children, our Stone Age Workshops-(thank you to Martyn Griffiths for leading these), our visit from Emma Boor and her amazing puppets, to our lower school children and during this week, the watching of the KS1 filmed performance of *An Angel A Star and A Stable*. A huge thank you for your continuing support at home and for preparing the children for their school day. We are beginning to see true progress, in terms of where they were in September and now.

Next term, we will be learning about the Ancient Greeks, starting with our story 'Theseus and the Minotaur'- see the attached curriculum map for details on how we weave the national curriculum throughout the topic. We will arrange an exciting Ancient Greek Day. There will be more details to follow on this.

Next term we will be having our P.E sessions on Mondays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child comes to school in suitable clothing for physical exercise, on these days each week.

We are still finding that some children struggle with the retrieval of multiplication facts, in our maths lessons and during our *Time Table Challenge* each week. Please do play the games on *Mathletics*. There are many fun activities on the site, which are designed to make learning fun for the whole family

Also, remember to listen to your child read regularly. At this stage, it is beneficial to your child's understanding if you ask them questions about the books they are reading and, more important still, to model reading to them each day. Please do ask if you would like some book recommendations from us.

We look forward to a happy and productive term ahead. Have a healthy and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again in January.

Kind regards