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Dear Parents/Carers

Greek Week

We will be holding a Greek themed week when we come back to school after half term, i.e. from the 20th to the 24th of February.

During the week, the children will be learning about Greece, which will include the making and tasting of Greek food, as well as learning about Greek customs, history, and where Greece is in the world.

On Tuesday the 21st, Millennium Catering will be providing a special Greek themed lunch for the children, which we are sure they will enjoy.

On **Wednesday the 22nd**, the children are invited to come to school dressed in costumes related to ancient Greece, e.g. a figure from Greek mythology, or the original Olympic Games. Please see the reverse of this letter for some dressing up ideas, which you may find useful.

We have also arranged for a theatre company to come in to school on Wednesday the 22nd to perform 'Cleo Copperpot's Adventures with Hercules', which will take the children on a journey through time to explore the Labours of Hercules as well as the art of storytelling in Ancient Greece.

We hope you all enjoy your half term break, and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday the 20th of February.

Yours sincerely

Susan Bird
Headteacher

How to dress like an Ancient Greek

Most Ancient Greeks used a simple sheet for clothing, wrapped around them in various ways.

Cloaks were made of a plain oblong piece of thicker cloth, often with decorated edges. Soldiers wore special short cloaks.

Make your own Greek Costume

You could use an old sheet and make a tunic to wear. Favourite Greek colours were white, saffron (mustard yellow), and red.

Boys could wear an extra-large, long, single colour t-shirt, and a belt around their waist. A small single colour blanket would make a perfect cloak.

Girls could wear a long plain single colour dress, like a night dress, with a loose belt around it. Girls also wore cloaks, like boys.

How to make and wear a Greek tunic

You will need:

A white sheet
A few safety pins
A belt or piece of rope

What to do:

1. Fold the top third of the sheet over
2. Fold it in half lengthways
3. Wrap the sheet around your body (under your arms). Use safety pins to hold the open side closed. Use two more safety pins to hold the sheet at your shoulders.
4. Tie a belt around your waist.