

17 December 2025

Dear Parent,

Next half term (Spring 1), our History focus will be **Ancient Greece**. To bring this topic to life, we are thrilled to have invited *Portals to the Past* to host a "Life in Ancient Greece Day" here at school on **Friday 16th January 2026**.

This **immersive workshop** will take place in the school hall during normal school hours. It is designed to give the children a practical feeling of what it was like to live in the ancient world.

The day will include:

- **Morning:** A focus on Greek life and culture, including a quiz, Archimedes' puzzles, the strategy game 'Petteia' and an interactive re-enactment of Greek myths and legends.
- **Afternoon:** A demonstration from a Greek warrior, a lesson in democracy (Athens vs Sparta) and a mini Olympic Games.

To cover the cost of the visiting theatre company, we are asking for a contribution of **£7.50** per child. Please make this payment by **Thursday 15th January 2026**.

To help your child feel part of the day, we encourage them to dress up! There is **no need to buy a new costume**. Simple, homemade outfits are often the best.

Here are some easy ideas:

- **Chiton/Tunic:** A simple white dress, or a large white T-shirt/pillowcase/sheet belted at the waist with a cord or sash.
- **Himation (Cloak):** A rectangle of coloured cloth fastened with a brooch or badge on the shoulder.
- **Footwear:** Sandals are great or standard school plimsolls.

Thank you for your continued support in making our curriculum exciting for the children.

Best wishes,

**The Year 4 Team**