



St Matthew's Friday Feature



Friday 28th January 2022

Greek Day 34SW

On Greek day with Steve, we learnt many things, for example what it was like in the past, also about the Dark ages. Did you know that the 'Dark ages' didn't mean it was dark! It meant that it was any period in time when we have not a lot of evidence to explain what it was like.

We also looked at what food the ancient Greeks ate, what they had and what they didn't have. Sometimes they ate meat, but not very often. They would mostly eat fruit and vegetables. They squashed grapes to make wine which we also tried out as a challenge!

The Olympics started around 700BC but they only did javelin and throwing to start with. We also took part in those challenges with 2 separate teams, the Spartans and the Athenians.

After the Greeks, the Romans took over for 400BC to 410 AD. This is where the Greeks lost a war against them.

Before all of this there was the Stone age, this is where cave men only had stone to use, after this they did discover fire and made spears out of flint.

Then came the copper age, this metal was much stronger than stone, along the way somebody really clever found that if you mixed copper and tin you had Bronze!

We explored Greek pottery and even got to decorate our own.

We had an amazing day! - Blake and Kai 34SW



Big Bird Watch

This week Nursery and Reception have taken part in the RSPB Big School Bird watch. The children made their own binoculars and looked for birds that they could see at Forest school. You can take part in the Big Garden Bird watch this weekend at home by following the link www.rspb.org.uk and looking for birds in your garden or when you are out and about.



Dates for your Diary

10 February	Miss Blocksidge's class Trip to Blists Hill
Friday 18 February	PD Day
21 to 25 February	Half Term
28 February	Back to school
7–8 April	Year 2 Kingswood
11 to 22 April	Easter Holiday
25 April	Back to School
Monday 2 May	Bank holiday
19 May	Young Voices
20 May to 3 June	Half Term
Monday 6 June	PD Day
10–12 June	Year 6 Arthog
Tuesday 7 June	Back to school
Friday 22 July	Break up for summer

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Birdwatch
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LFT Tests

As far as we are aware supply of LFT tests is improving and kits will be available for collection from The Place at Oakengates and at local libraries, in addition to the normal supply at pharmacies (which we're aware has been really patchy recently).

Apparently, online ordering is working well at the moment, and we would like to urge parents to order some online so that you have stock available in the event that there is a positive case in your child's class.

The link for ordering online is here: [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)