

Dear parents/carers,

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, year five will be celebrating Greek day. On this day, we will be learning all about the Ancient Greek way of life. This will include; Greek theatre, authentic Greek food tasting (any allergies please let us know on the slip below), creating Greek art work and mini Greek Olympics. Children may wish to come dressed as Greeks so we have put together some ideas for costumes for you to consider (you may also want to recycle your old Roman day or Egyptian costumes). However, we do completely understand, with everything else going on, your child might prefer to wear their PE kit instead.

### What clothes did the Ancient Greeks wear?

The Greeks wore light, loose clothes as the weather was hot for most of the year. Long pieces of colourful fabric were used to make the Greek clothes.



The main item of clothing for men was a tunic, called a chiton. These were big squares of cloth, held in place by pins at the shoulders and a belt round the waist. They were made from wool in the winter or linen in the summer.

Women also wore clothing which was made from big square pieces of linen or wool. They used pins in various places to hold it together. Unlike the men's, the dresses always went down to the ankles.



The ancient Greeks could buy cloth and clothes in the agora, the marketplace, but that was expensive. Many of the clothes were made by the women and female slaves.

Wealthy people had tunics made of coloured cloth. The tunics of the poor were plain. In cold weather, cloaks were worn. Most Greeks went barefoot. If they needed shoes, they put on leather sandals or boots.



Hair was curled, arranged in interesting and carefully designed styles, and held in place with scented waxes and lotions. Women kept their hair long, in braids, arranged on top of their head, or wore their hair in ponytails. Headbands, made of ribbon or metal, were very popular. Men would either wear tunics as well or would be in the Greek armies of Troy and Sparta!

If you are feeling a bit more creative, here are some other suggestions Greek beasts from Greek myths, heroes or even Gods:

- Theseus
- Minotaur
- Perseus
- Medusa
- A Greek soldier
- A Greek God or Goddess
- Odysseus
- Cyclops
- Pandora
- Daedalus
- Icarus



We look forward to seeing you in your Greek costumes!

Miss Alexander, Miss Jones and Miss Clark

**REPLY SLIP TO BE RETURNED IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY FOOD ALLERGIES**

My child ..... in class ..... has the following food allergies:

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SIGNATURE PARENT/CARER: ..... DATE: .....