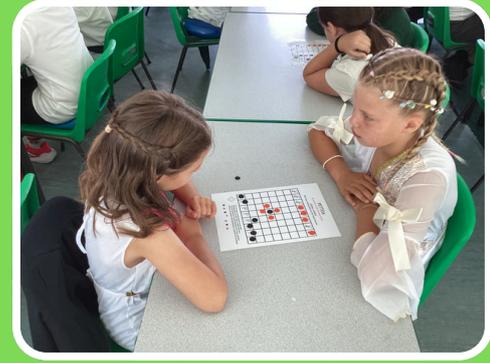


# A MESSAGE FROM YEAR FIVE



At the start of the term, Year Five were incredibly lucky to have experienced an Ancient Greek enrichment day. The day was filled to the brim with activities aimed at increasing their knowledge of Ancient Greece. The children played a strategy game, completed a fact finding quiz and learnt about myths from the era. Each class also participated in an Ancient Greek competition, where Athens and Sparta competed against each other. They were also able to experience what battle attire the Greeks would have worn as well as the weapons they would have used during this time. The children loved this experience and it has ignited a passion for their topic this term.

Linking to their Ancient Greek history topic is our fantastic class text – Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief – which has really captured the children's imaginations and has taught us about Percy's struggles and determination to succeed in his mission. We have used this book to inspire our writing and the children have written and published three wonderful pieces; a letter, a character description and setting. They should all be very proud of the hard work they have put into their writing so far in Year 5.

We have begun our maths curriculum this year by looking at place value and more specifically looking at seven-digit whole numbers and the value of their digits. The children have worked extremely hard on this topic, which will feed into the rest of the mathematical concepts that they will cover this year. We have also learnt about some famous ancient Greek mathematicians!

In science, the children have been looking at a range of life cycles. First, we looked at how a plant can reproduce by itself and to test this we have put spring onions into water and bulbs into soil to observe them over time. The children have been mesmerised by the onion's ability to grow on its own and we have been recording our findings on a weekly basis. The children have also been learning about the life cycles of amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.



... The Year 5 Team

