

Good Evening,

During our **English** lessons, we continued to read our class novel, *The Adventures of Odysseus*. This week, the children wrote a report from **Athene to Zeus**, explaining what happened to Odysseus when he finally arrived in Ithaca, his homeland. They also created a **mood graph** to illustrate how Odysseus' emotions changed as he travelled through Ithaca.

In **Mathematics**, the children continued to develop their addition and subtraction skills. They explored how using **inverse operations** can be an effective way of checking their answers and identifying any mistakes.

In **Science**, the children completed an experiment to investigate which surface produced the most friction when a trainer was pulled across it. They used a **force meter** to measure the force needed to move the trainer across each surface.

In **Design and Technology**, the children have continued to develop their skills by creating **Ancient Greek masks from clay**. It was a little like *The Great Pottery Throw Down* in our classroom, although we were missing the expertise of judges Keith Brymer Jones and Rich Miller! Unfortunately, I was the rather poor substitute! The children have developed some fantastic skills and produced some wonderful and imaginative clay masks.

In **PE**, the children have been developing their **football and fencing skills**. In fencing, they learnt the **riposte**, which is when the defender responds with an attack after successfully parrying their opponent's attack. In football, the children played a new game called **bench football**, which involved plenty of teamwork, competition, fun and, most importantly, lots of laughter!

Homework on Century Tech this week:

- Friction Experiment WS (PS9.05)
- Friction (PS9.04)
- 3 Times Table Practice 1 (PMT 1.04)
- 4 Times Table Practice 1 (PMT 1.07)
- 6 Times Table Practice 1 (PMT 1.13)

Thank you for your continued support, particularly in providing **old T-shirts for our pottery session**. They certainly helped us to keep the classroom (relatively!) clean.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

**Many thanks,
Mr Yates**