



Welcome to the Year 4 class newsletter—full of key information for the term ahead. This term, our context for learning is:

What's so great about the Ancient Greeks?

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English

Linking to our History topic, we will be exploring some of the stories in Greek Mythology this term. We will create our own mythical creatures and write a non-chronological report about them, detailing their character and their habitat. We will then build up to creating our own myths featuring our fantastical creatures. This will be followed by exploring books such as 'The Bus Ride' and 'Emperor's Watchmaker' which will inspire our writing. Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling continue to be a focus for us this term with regular tasks being set on Google Classrooms to help you support your child's learning. Please refer to the centre of the 'School Reading Record' for support with Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, which includes the national curriculum word list for years 3-4.

Maths

In Maths, the children will continue to work on times tables knowledge and division facts. We will also continue to develop our ability to understand and solve word problems. In addition we will continue to focus on carrying over into the next column. In subtraction we will be embedding column method by practising 'exchanging'. We will use the grid method to help us multiply two digit by two digit numbers. We will continue to divide on a number line using our family of facts ($1 \times 5 = 5$, $10 \times 5 = 50$). The children will be developing their knowledge of fractions, decimals, percentages with an ongoing focus on Reasoning and Problem Solving.

History or Geography

This term we are very excited to start learning about Greek Mythology, Gods, City States and the Olympics! We will explore the culture in Ancient Greece, looking at the alphabet used, comparing it to our own. The children will also explore the Greeks' love of pottery and make their own vases. They have also been lucky enough to participate in a workshop about the adventures of Theseus and the Minotaur by the theatre company 'Teach it through Drama'.

Science

For this term's Science learning, we will be learning about 'States of Matter' and 'Animals Including Humans.' In States of Matter, children will learn about solids, liquids, gases, how matter can change state and the water cycle. In 'Animals Including Humans,' children will learn about the human digestive system, teeth and food chains. We will continue to explore these topics through practical investigations.



Music

Following on from last term, we are continuing our Djembe drumming tuition, focusing on reading different types of notes and composition.

PE

This term the children will be learning dance during indoor PE, exploring different types of movement and rhythm inspired by Ancient Greek dance. For outdoor PE, led by the coach, the children will learn how to play hockey and the skills of passing, receiving, travelling, tackling and shooting. We will also begin swimming lessons after half term—more details to follow on this.

Art

For the Spring term, we will be exploring printing and using the Ancient Greek artefacts as inspiration for our own printing patterns. We will print with lots of different materials to create interesting patterns and textures. We will explore Greek culture and represent this through 3D modelling.

Computing

Children will develop their understanding of how digital images can be changed and edited, and how they can then be resaved and reused. Pupils will consider how and why data is collected over time. Pupils will collect data as well as access data captured over long periods of time.

French

We will be learning how to say words and phrases relating to 'My Home' and 'My Town'.

RE

In RE, we will be learning about Buddhism and the Buddha's teachings. This will include the life of Buddha, the roles of good leaders and the life of Buddhists in our community.

PSHE

In Personal, Social & Health Education we will be discussing careers, financial capability and economic wellbeing. This will include a focus on the importance of how we use money, the role it plays in our lives and how it can impact the decisions and choices we make.

Reminders

Jewellery: The only jewellery we allow are watches and stud earrings. If possible your child should not wear earrings on PE days.

Uniform: Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and encourage them to look after their belongings. If you are unsure about school uniform, please look on the school website.

We endeavour to be a nut and sesame seed free school. Please be aware of this when you prepare your child's lunch box. This includes peanut butter, Nutella, pesto, hummus and products with sesame seeds.

Birthdays: If you would like to make a gift of a book for the class to celebrate your child's birthday, that would be much appreciated.

Water bottles: Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle, filled with water, each day.

PE : Indoor PE is on **Tuesday's**. Please remember your child needs a round neck white short sleeved t-shirt and navy shorts (above the knee).

Outdoor PE is on **Thursday's**, for which your child will need a t-shirt, navy tracksuit trousers and trainers or plimsolls.

Home Learning

Your child will have learning to do at home each week. This will include:

Mathletics: This will be set each week by Friday.

Big Cat books online and books from the class library: We expect children to read 4-5 times a week and record this in their journal (to be signed by their parent/ carer)

Grammar and Spellings on Google Classroom:

The class teacher will add these to the class stream on your Classroom.

The children have some additional challenges provided in the 'Take away tasks' Please bring these in so we can celebrate your child's work at home.

Important dates



Open Morning

Tuesday 7th Feb

Parents evening
Thursday 9th Feb

Half term
Monday 13th Feb –
Friday 17th Feb

World Book Day
2nd March

Year 4 Swimming
Two weeks - wc 20th
March

