

Curriculum Newsletter Year 4

Term: Spring 2



An Overview of the Theme

This half-term, our theme in Year 4 continues to be The Ancient Greeks where we will be working up to answering our enquiry question: How powerful were The Ancient Greeks?

English

Your child will be writing:

- A series of
 information
 texts, crafting
 writing through
 self-regulation
 strategies and
 developing their
 planning and
 evaluation
 skills
- Developing an understanding of success criteria
- · Creating their own success criteria for writing
- Understanding the structure of information texts
- Developing peer-evaluation skills
- Developing self-evaluation skills
- Using a range of vocabulary appropriately
- · Using fronted adverbials appropriately
- Using prepositional phrases appropriately
- Using conjunctions appropriately
- Independently creating success criteria for successful independent writing
- · Independently evaluating their own and others' writing
- Organising writing appropriately

Mathematics

Your child will be learning about perimeter of shapes and fractions.

- To convert between kilometres and metres.
- To find perimeters of shapes.
- To work out missing lengths on shapes.
- To find solutions involving perimeter.
- To look at fractions greater than I.
- To convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions.
- To identify equivalent fractions.
- To simplify fractions.

In June, all year 4 pupils in the country will take a multiplication test in which they must be fluent in their times tables up to 12 x 12. The test will provide a random times table and be on the screen for 5 seconds before moving onto the next one. This test will be taken on an iPad. Your child has a Times Table Rockstars login to practise on the mode 'soundcheck'. Please try to encourage them do their times table daily. If you own a tablet, we encourage that your child practices on one as the test will be taken on one. There are lots of interesting things to do on the app, such as earning coins to dress up their rock star avatar and compete on the class leader-board. As a pass mark, we are looking for children to get a score of at least 20/25. Currently, 55% of the class are achieving this! Our class target is 80%.

Visits and Visitors

Year 4 will be visiting Wollaton Hall on Friday 14th March. A letter has been sent out. Please ensure that slips are returned as soon as possible.

How Can You Help?

We value the support of all parents and carers. If you feel that you can help in any way with the work we are covering then please let us know or if you would like any further information regarding this term's curriculum please do not hesitate to contact school.

We also welcome parent helpers who can help listen to children reading. If this is something you are interested in, please let me know.

Thank you. Mr Dunnington

<u>Reminders</u>	
Homework	Children will be sent home spellings every Friday for your child to practice.
	Children will be sent home a half-termly homework project with different tasks to complete. Your child should aim to complete these over the half-termly period.
Daily Reading	Please write in your child's diary each time you read or support in anyway at home. Please get your child to read as much as possible to improve their reading skills.
PE – Wednesday afternoon	ALL children must bring their PE kit into school on Wednesday. Please ensure your child brings this every week so that they are well-equipped for the lesson.

