



The Curriculum Newsletter Year 4

Term: Spring 1

An Overview of the Theme

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

<p><u>English</u></p> <p>Your child will be writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter • A non-chronological report about Ancient Greece 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use subordinate clauses and subordinating conjunctions. • Use prepositions effectively. • To use clear and concise language. • Use paragraphs based around a theme. • To use titles and subheadings appropriately. • To use salutation appropriately • To know how to write in both the first and third person. • Use fronted adverbials. • Use possessive apostrophes correctly.
<p><u>Mathematics</u></p> <p>Your child will be learning about shapes and how we find the area of different shapes. They will also begin learning multiplication.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn what 'area' means and the basic concepts. • Find areas of shapes by counting squares. • Draw shapes with different areas. • Compare the areas of different shapes. • Multiply and divide by 0 and 1. • Learn all of our times-tables from 1 to 12. • Understand related multiplication and division facts. • Multiply three numbers.

Visits and Visitors

We have had an exciting opportunity to have a set of virtual reality (VR) headsets arriving in school for a short period. Year 4 will get the opportunity to use these to help them learn more about their topic.

We are currently in the process of booking an Ancient Greeks themed trip for the Spring 2 term. Please look out for any school trip letters that may come home.

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

Reminders

Homework

Children will be sent home spellings every Friday in a spellings book and your child must remember to bring this to school **on the following Wednesday** for their spellings test.

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.

Your child must be fluent in all times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of year 4. Your child has a Times Table Rockstars login to practise. Please try to encourage them do their times table daily. 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. Rock out. Currently, 51% of year 4 are achieving 20 or more out of 25! This is a huge improvement since September and we are well on our way to achieving our class target of 80% by June – Please keep up the great work and practice!

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.