



The Curriculum Newsletter Year 4

Term: Spring 2

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"> Ancient Greek Myth A non-chronological report about Ancient Greece Poem 	<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 direct speech. To know how to use rhyme schemes. Use fronted adverbials. Use possessive apostrophes correctly. To use noun phrases To use descriptive language.
<p><u>Mathematics</u></p> <p>Your child will be continuing their learning on multiplication and division. They will be focusing on written methods of multiplication and finding remainders through division.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To learn how to find and use factor pairs. To learn how to multiply a number using the written method To learn how to multiply and divide numbers in our heads To learn how to find the remainder when a number is divided.

Visits and Visitors

We are currently in the process of booking an Ancient Greeks themed trip at a Greek restaurant trying authentic Greek foods. Please keep posted for dates and this will be confirmed.

How Can You Help?

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.

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.

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, 57% of the class are achieving this! Our class target is 80%.

**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.

