

Curriculum Newsletter Class 4

Terms 1 and 2 (September - December 2024)

Our topic is 'It's all Greek to me!'. 

Literacy

Through Talk for Writing this term, we will be looking at a variety of different genres, including: Narratives, Instructional texts and Persuasive writing. We will also be developing skills in spelling, punctuation, grammar, including homophones and looking at sentence construction with the aim of 'up levelling' our writing. As our class book we will be reading Greek mythology, starting with 'The Lightning Thief': the first in the Percy Jackson series.

We will also be using Grammarsaurus to continue to learn the Place Value of Punctuation.

The children are also expected to read at least three times a week at home and this counts towards the whole school reading challenge.

Topic

We are looking back to the Ancient Greeks, who were they? What was daily life like? How have they influenced our live today? Where there any battles or wars? What gods and goddesses did they believe in? What is a democracy?

We will also be placing Greece geographically, learning about the location and the climate in modern day Greece and comparing this to the modern world.

In Art we will be looking at what can pottery tell us about the past and using clay to make our own Ancient Greek inspired pots.

RE/ PSHE

During RE we will be focusing on how praying regularly helps Muslims in their everyday life and what the most significant part of the nativity story is for Christians.

In PSHE we will be following Jigsaw 'being me in my world' and 'celebrating difference'.

French

This term we will be learning how to say weather expressions in French. We shall be studying some different French towns and extending our knowledge of numbers to talk about temperatures. We shall begin to use connectives to improve our writing to learn how to ask and answer new questions.



Numeracy

This term we will learning:

- 4-digit place value, counting in tens and hundreds
- Counting in multiples of 6,7,9,25,1000.
- Working with the written formal methods of the four operations
- Rounding to the nearest 10, 100, 1000
- Find 1000, 100 and 10 more or less than a given number
- Order and compare numbers beyond 1000
- Count backwards through zero to include negative numbers.
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The children will be using Times Table Rockstars on a daily basis to learn all of the times tables ready for the National Multiplication Check, which takes place in June. There is also the expectation for continued practice at home.

Science and ICT

In our science lessons this term, Class 4 will be first looking at animals, including humans. This will entail; food nutrition, the digestive system and working scientifically by comparing teeth of different living things.

Following this, we will be learning about sound, how it can be changed and recognising patterns in sounds.

In ICT we will be looking at online safety, touch typing and coding.

Physical Development

PE sessions are on Friday afternoon and are led by J.B Sports Coaching. Please ensure your child has the correct kit in school for P.E. This includes both trainers for outside and plimsolls for inside.

P.E. will be on a Friday afternoon. Swimming is every Monday morning. Please remember your kit: Swimming hat, goggles, trunks/costume and towel!

If you have any queries or questions do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks, Mrs Snowden

