



Year 4 News



Autumn 2

A message from Miss Lawrence

We have had our first half term which I hope you will agree was packed full of fun and interesting learning for your children. I hope you and your children have had a wonderful half term holiday full of fun and relaxation to prepare you for the work ahead! Our main topic this term is ANCIENT GREECE!

Staff

Miss Lawrence
Mrs Humphries

Homework

Homework will consist of no more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours per week and will be given out each Friday to be returned no later than the following Wednesday. Children will be asked to complete Literacy or Numeracy homework and to learn weekly spellings. They should also read to an adult at least three times a week. Please come and ask if you have any concerns.

Reminders

Please bring your water bottle, planner and reading book every day and remember we are a nut free school. Please remember to label your jumpers and cardigans. They can then be easily returned to you, if mislaid.

PE

In Year 4 our PE lessons will be on Tuesday and Wednesday

Please remember to take out earrings and remember to bring PE kits. As the weather gets colder please make sure an outdoor PE kit is in school too.

Birthdays

November

Oliver Alisha

Elijah Ethan Hart

December

Louis Elsie

Dates to remember

Christmas Fayre—Friday 2nd December

Praise Assembly— Thursday 8th December

Break up— Friday 16th December

English

We are going to read Greek Myths and write our own. Our focus will be on organising ideas into paragraphs, developing characterisation and speech as well as using a range of conjunctions to expand and explain ideas. We are also going to read and write different forms of Poetry such as Rhyming forms, Haiku, Kenning and Free Verse.

Maths

This term we are going to focus on :

- Statistics
- Money
- Rounding and estimation
- comparing and classifying shapes
- symmetry and angles within shapes
- times tables

Science

States of Matter

In this unit the children will consolidate their ideas about reversible changes of state. They will explore evaporation, condensation, boiling and melting. They be making observations and measurements, identifying patterns in results and suggesting explanations for observations.

RE -What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?

The children will explore how Hindus worship at home and in temples. They will investigate the symbolism of sacred objects, rituals and books. During the unit, they will make comparisons between religious and non religious practices. The unit will culminate in answering the big question.

PE -Dance

The children will focus on creating characters and narrative through movement and gesture. They will work individually, in pairs and small groups communicating ideas based on 'spies' as their stimulus.

Tag rugby

The children will learn to keep possession of the ball using attacking skills, develop strategies and social skills to self-manage games as well as learn the importance of playing fairly and keeping to the rules.

Topic

Ancient Greece

The children will learn about the time of this era and its location. They will learn about how the country was run, the role of men and women as well as comparing the lives of the city states. They will explore the question, 'Was Greece the birthplace of Western civilisation?'

Computing

- Making Music

During this unit of lessons the children will discuss and experiment with the main elements of a piece of music and will learn to compose themselves using the program Busy Beats.

Music

Glockenspiels

This term we will be focusing on developing our glockenspiel skills. The children will learn to play a variety of notes and begin to read musical notation. They will develop their listening skills through a variety of games and deepen their understanding of pulse and rhythm.

DT

The children will create a moving picture book. They will investigate and evaluate moving picture books, discovering how the pictures are moved by levers and links. They will then practise making their own moving parts using different mechanisms. The children will design and make a moving picture linked to our topic of Ancient Greece.

French

Through games, songs and poems the children will learn and use vocabulary for food and drink. They will also improve knowledge their knowledge of French grammar, such as masculine and feminine nouns. They will build short sentences and phrases both in spoken and written language.