



# Year 4 Newsletter - Autumn Term

## Mr. Burns

Welcome to Year 4. Your child's teacher is Mr. Burns. Ms. Mandy Epthorp is the member of support staff working with the children. This term we will be working on the theme of "Ancient Greece: Myths and Legends" and each of our subjects will interlink with this core theme.

### English

This term the children will be looking at Greek Mythology and other stories with historical settings. Children will write their own myths as well as writing in a range of genres such as biographies, comic strips and persuasive texts. Year 4 will also be looking at stories set in imaginary settings and will create their own storyboards as well as performing parts of their work. The children will be encouraged to edit and improve their own writing, finding ways to make their writing even better.

### Maths

This term we will be developing mental maths strategies including being able to recall number bonds and times table facts. There will also be one lesson a week given to a maths investigation or a problem solving activity. Our main topics, will be calculating and understanding number and shape. We will be using mental strategies to add, subtract, multiply and divide. Children should know their x2, x3, x4, x5, x6, x7 and x10 multiplication tables. We will be learning how to partition large numbers.

Topic – We are learning about Ancient Greece

Science – Our topic is, "Animals including Humans".

Art – In conjunction with our Greek topic, we will be looking at sculpture using clay as well as artists such as Michelangelo and Kandinski.

History – We will be learning about the influence Ancient Greece has had on the western world.

Geography – We will study a European country and compare it to the UK.

### Notices

PE is once a week - please bring in full kits on Mondays.

Swimming is yet to be confirmed as Seven Islands is currently closed for refurbishment. We are looking at alternative provision and will contact you regarding this very shortly.

Homework is given out on Friday and collected on Tuesday.

Children should aim to read one book per week.

Our class assembly is Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 3.00pm: please feel free to come along.