



Year 4 Newsletter - Autumn Term

Welcome to Year 4. Your child's teacher is Mr. Burns. Mrs. Dee Morris 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. However, before that we are beginning the term with a two-week focus on Narnia. Many exciting activities including learning outside the classroom will give the children plenty of creative writing opportunities!

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, x8 and x10 multiplication tables.

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. We will also be visiting Dulwich Picture Gallery for a Printing Workshop on Mythical Creatures.

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 (which includes Swimming) is twice a week – PE kits should be in school by now and will remain in school until half term.

Homework is generally given out on Friday and collected on Tuesday.

Sometimes it is given on other days as it is needed to prepare the children for the following day's lessons.

Children should be reading daily at home and should aim to read at least one novel per week.

Our class assembly is Tuesday 9th October 2018 at 2.45pm. This will be followed by the Year 4 Parent meeting. We hope to see a representative from each family on this occasion.