



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter - January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have an exciting term ahead planned for Year 4, with some interesting topics and activity days planned. Below you will find some of the topics we will be exploring over the Spring Term.

	Spring 1	Spring 2
Maths	mental/ written multiplication and division; area	Fractions and decimals
English	Linking with our Ancient Greece topic, we will be reading different Greek Myths' and will be looking at story build ups and writing out own Greek myth. We will also look at discussion texts.	Linking with our World War 2 topic, we will be reading 'Friend or Foe' and looking at instructional writing.
Topic	Ancient Greece	World War 2
Science	Electricity	
RE	What faiths are shared in our country?	How do the five pillars guide Muslims?
PE	Gymnastics	Athletics
PSHE	Health and Wellbeing - Feelings and emotions	Health and Wellbeing - Growing and changing
Computing	Programming	Data handling
Art/ DT	Greek pottery - Plan a sculpture/ Create own lamp with a simple circuit	Food Technology - rationing recipes

PE

PE will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on this day. Their PE kit should consist of a white T-shirt, plain navy or plain black shorts/ joggers and black pumps or trainers. Long hair should be tied back and earrings should be taped or removed for safety purposes.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and will consist of a piece of Maths or English work in homework books, which should be returned by the following Wednesday morning. Spelling lists and timestables will be given on a Friday, to be learnt for a test the following week.

Reading

Your support at home is invaluable and I would ask you to continue to hear your child read as much as possible, even 10 minutes shared reading can make a huge difference. When reading with your child, please take time to ask them questions about the book to check their understanding. If you can then record how they have got on in their reading record book, this will be valuable feedback for us to follow up in school to further support your child's reading.

Times-tables

This year, children in year 4 will complete the national Multiplication Tables Check. It is therefore extremely important that we continually practise all times-tables to 12 x 12. Children will be given a times-table to practise on a Friday and may sometimes be given an activity sheet to complete. There will then be a test the following week. Children should be practising their times-tables frequently by reciting them aloud, practising with adults at home, online with Times-tables Rockstar or other online games.

Dismissal of the class

At the end of the day (3pm) the children will be led out into the bottom playground. They are then asked to line up and raise their hands when they see the adult collecting them. This is in order for the teacher to be certain of who each child has been collected by. Although it may take slightly longer to dismiss the class, it is for the safety of the children and we thank you for your patience. Where possible, please inform school if your child is going to be collected by a different adult.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Thorson

Year 4 Class Teacher