

Year 4 Autumn Term

September 2020

This Term's Topic: Gods and Mortals

We will be learning about Ancient Greece, studying Greek life and achievements. Children will use a historical timeline and place significant places and people upon it. They will be learning about the influence of the Greeks on the Western world.

Science

We will be learning about Forces. We will look at the way different objects react on certain surfaces. We will also look at magnets and magnetic materials. We will follow on with a topic about Plants and Animals. Focusing on food chains and eating healthily; teeth and the digestive system.

English and Maths

We will be focusing our writing around the text "The Whale."

We will be concentrating on developing descriptive writing skills with a sharp focus on narrative.

Our main focus this term will be writing effective sentences.

We will continue our work on punctuation and writing direct speech correctly.

In Maths, our focus will be to work with numbers greater than 1000. We will be exploring the place value of numbers and using this to calculate with all four operations. Pupils will be expected to become more fluent in their times tables as the term progresses.



We have had a special start to our Autumn Term in Year 4. We are ready to learn. Proud of all we do! And starting to reflect on all the new routines of Year 4.

In English, we will be reading a range of books over the term starting with The Whale by Ethan and Vita Murrow.

In Science, we will be looking at Forces and Plants and Animals.

In Maths, we are currently learning about place value and methods of addition and subtraction. We will follow this with a short unit on measure and finish the term using and applying multiplication and division methods.

The children will be practising their times tables and counting in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000.

Please let the Year 4 team know if you have any concerns about your child in school, please feel free to speak to us after school or via dojo. Thank you.

Multiplication Tables Check

It would be greatly beneficial if you could ensure that your child is practising their tables on a regular basis. There are lots of fantastic websites available to support you with this, as well as some really good activities on Purple Mash. Here are some that you might want to try:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.multiplication.com/games/all-games>

P.E.

Year 4 will have P.E. on Thursday afternoon.

Please wear your JWPA P.E. kit to school every Thursday.

Children will experience gymnastics where they will develop a sequence of movements and use equipment safely. During outdoor games they will be learning to improve their throwing and catching skills through a range of invasion games.

Homework

Please read regularly with your child at home.

It would be beneficial for you to share a range of stories, information and poetry.

Timetables pace and fluency are important for the children and learning their spellings is an area to focus on this term.

The Year 4 Team

Mrs Saville, Mrs Flynn, Miss Edwards and Mrs Stevens.