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Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn 2

Welcome

Welcome back to term 2. We're eagerly anticipating all the exciting learning opportunities that await us in the coming months over this very busy term.

This newsletter details information about the second term's curriculum and what your child will be studying in the second term of Year 4. It will also give you key dates for term 2 at the bottom of the newsletter.

Spelling and Reading

This year we will have our test spelling on a Thursday and new spellings will be sent home on the same day. In reading we be focusing on fluency and retrieving information from the text.



Our class texts this term will be Leo and the Gorgon's Curse and Who Let the Gods Out.

Writing

We will be writing a fiction piece based on our reading last term "The Firework Maker's Daughter".
We will also be writing a non fiction piece comparing Athens and Sparta.
We will finally be writing an essay based on our History topic "How did the Ancient Greeks change the world?"



Maths

We will work on addition and subtraction, multiplication and division as well as interpreting data.
PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO GO ONTO TT ROCKSTARS REGULARLY TO PRACTISE THEIR TIMES TABLES.



Science

Our science topic this term is "Classification of Plants and Animals." We will be learning about the different classes of vertebrates and invertebrates and also the classification of plants.



Computing

In computing we will be learning how create digital animations and how to write basic programming using Logo.

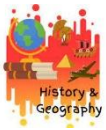


Art & Design

In art we will be studying "space" in art. We will look at an introduction to space and dimensions, We will explore space in painting: foreground, middle ground and background – identifying and creating foreground, middle ground and background and then finally using colour and detail to show depth.



Geography/History



Our history topic this term is "Ancient Greece". We will be learning about Greek gods, mythology, Arts and architecture, the Ancient Olympic Games and the lasting legacy of Ancient Greece (This will conclude the 12 week unit.

Our Geography topic this term is 'Mediterranean Europe." We will look at key places in Europe, the climate of Mediterranean Europe, food, farming, landscape and settlements.

Music

This term we will be studying Take the A Train and swing music. The children will be improvising and composing this style of music.



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PE

PE days are **WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY** so please remember to send your child to school dressed in PE kit on those days.
Children may stay in PE kit all day. Long hair to be tied up and **no jewellery please**. Thank you.

Topics taught this term:

- Gymnastics
- Dance



PSHE



Teaching Unit: Celebrating Difference

This will be covered in these separate lessons:

- Judging by Appearances
- Understanding influences
- Understanding Bullying
- Problem solving
- Special Me
- Celebrating Difference: how we look

RE



In RE we will be learning about Christianity and answering the question
"What is the most significant part of the Nativity story for Christians today?"

Reminders

As a reminder, our school uniform for key stage 2 is a white shirt with a purple cardigan/ jumper with black trousers/skirt and black shoes.

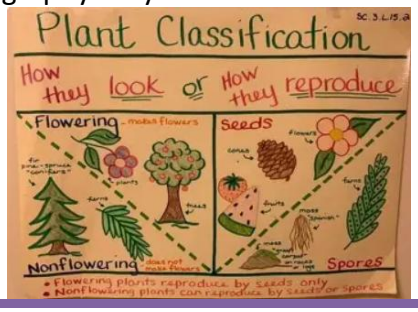
Children are expected to read at home daily. Reading records should be brought into school each Monday for Dojo points to be awarded. Children will have their weekly times table test each Monday.

Homework Project



Linked to our science topic, children could draw a plant or animal and label its features. For history children could research the different Greek Gods, or draw or make an ancient Greek temple or building. For geography they could research a country in Mediterranean Europe.







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RESPECT Each Other

RESPECT Our Environment & Community

RESPECT Yourself

Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars

Spelling Shed

Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.

Class information

Class Teacher: Mrs Morgan **Teaching Assistants**: Mrs Howe

Please remember to **name your child's school jumper or cardigan.**

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

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Dates for the diary!



Autumn 2

Monday 2nd November Teacher Training Day 3 - School closed for pupils
Tuesday 3rd November School reopens for pupils
Friday 6th November Issue newsletter
Monday 16th to Friday 20th November Anti-bullying week
Monday 16th November Reception phonics parent session
Tuesday 17th November Y1 phonics & reading parent session
Wednesday 18th November Y2 to Y6 reading parent session
Friday 20th November Children in Need
Wednesday 2nd December KS2 Carol concert 2.30pm
Thursday 3rd December KS2 Carol concert 9.30am
Tuesday 8th December Nursery Christmas session 10.30am-11.30am
Tuesday 8th December KS1 Christmas performance 2.30pm
Wednesday 9th December KS1 Christmas performance 9.30am
Wednesday 9th December Reception Christmas performance 2.30pm
Thursday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 10th December Nursery Intake Meeting for new children 3.30pm
Friday 18th December Class Christmas parties
Friday 18th December School closes for Christmas

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