

Year 4: Autumn 1 - Heroes & Mortals

English

In English this half-term we are learning how to use information texts effectively. The children will be researching factual information, identifying key-words and phrases from a variety of sources. They will learn how to organise and sequence this information in their writing and present it in different ways. They will study the work of an author and write their own chapter in the style of that writer. They will read various poems, recite and perform some before composing their own free verse poem. They will also learn about the features of journalistic writing.

Through the creative learning journey, which will focus on the Greeks, the children will read a variety of different types of recounts and explanations. We will also explore significant historical events through drama and role-play activities.

Spelling and Grammar

Each week the children will focus on a new spelling pattern: Words with au, wa / squa, ea, homophones, near homophones, words with our / oar, and words with aw / ore. Spelling tests will take place every Friday.

Grammar lessons will focus on verbs and adjectives and how we can improve our sentences. We will send home spelling books for children weekly to practice their spellings.

Maths:

In Maths this half-term the children will be using place value to partition numbers up to 5-digits, multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and recognising and ordering negative numbers. They will be consolidating mental methods for addition and subtraction. We will be practising our times table facts. The children will use their recall of times table facts to multiply two-digit numbers. They will be learning to add and subtract 3-digit numbers using written methods.

The children will be developing their problem solving skills, identifying the key words in the problem and deciding what operation and method is needed to solve it.

Throughout the term we will also encourage the children to work in a group to discuss different mathematical puzzles and justify their responses and solutions.

Creative Learning Journey

- ◆ In our topic 'Greece', the students will be developing mapping skills to find different towns and cities in Greece and using directional language to describe relative location. The children will identify and explore physical and human features of the Greek landscape through their **Geography**. We have a theatre group from 'Portals of the Past' coming in Thursday 17th October for a fun Greek day.
- ◆ We will be creating mechanical cam toys that represent mythical creatures after some careful research in **DT**.
- ◆ In **ICT**, pupils will be improving their research skills using search engines and using the internet to research aspects of Greece. They learn to be discerning about evaluating digital content
- ◆ In **RE**, children will be learning about ways in which different religions worship. Pupils will explore Hindu worship at home and in the Mandir, and explore some of the objects used in worship and their symbolism, and how these have an impact on daily life.
- ◆ In **Music**, we will be listening to and responding to a range of songs by ABBA. We will try to identify the layers and dimensions in the music.
- ◆ In **PHSCE**, the pupils will learn about people who help them stay healthy and safe . They will learn how actions can affect ourselves and others and to recognise and manage dares.
- ◆ In **gymnastics**, pupils will explore transferring & receiving body weight, balances and points of contact, shape and control and accuracy. In **dance**, pupils will use visual stimuli and props as an integral part of dance to improvise ideas, adapt and develop steps individually and in small groups.

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Homework:

Reading, spellings and times tables should be practised every night. Children have a Reading Record that they are to bring home and read each night. The Reading Record must be signed by an adult and returned to school each day. For every night the children read they will receive 1 house point.

P.E. Timetable:

4A will be swimming on Tuesdays this term. 4B and 4C will swim at a later date. Please ensure that students have a plastic bag with the following: swimming costume, swim cap, and a towel.

Class 4A: Swimming – Tuesday and PE—Wednesday

Class 4B: PE– Tuesday and Thursday

Class 4C: PE– Monday and Tuesday

Please ensure that your child brings in a full PE kit to school labelled with their name and class.

Uniform:

Children are expected to wear the correct school uniform including their blazers and ties.

Class Teachers are always happy to discuss your child. Just make an appointment with the office staff. Mr Bhatti (4A), Miss Lobb (4B) & Mrs Joyce (4C)