Curriculum Newsletter

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Welcome to the Autumn Term!

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope you have all managed to have an enjoyable but restful summer holiday. We are so excited to welcome the children into Year 4 and we are looking forward to getting stuck into our learning this term. To ensure we offer the children a broad and balanced curriculum, learning will be linked through the topic of *Ancient Greece*.

Core Subjects:

Mathematics: Our focus will be place value and exploring this in a variety of ways. We will also develop number fluency, rounding a number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000 and arithmetic will be practised to develop methods for the four operations. Times tables will be a huge focus this year in preparation for the national multiplication check in the summer term.

English: Our first text will be exploring is Charlotte's Web – we will be using this text to write narrative pieces including a diary entry and newspaper report as well as exploring poetry.

Science: Animals including humans; including nutrition and food chains. The children will build on their knowledge of dental hygiene and learn how the digestive system works.

Wider Curriculum:

Computing: The importance of E-safety when using the internet at any given time. Word processing.

Physical Education: PE days are **TUESDAY & THURSDAY** – please come to school wearing the school-approved PE kit, including trainers.

History & Geography: Ancient Greece and its influence on the western world.

Art & Design and Technology: In Art the children will be exploring shape and line to create dragon eyes using texture and pattern. In D&T the children will design, make and evaluate Greek Tzatziki.

Music: The children will learn how to read and write traditional rhythmic notation through body/vocal percussion and untuned percussion instruments.

Modern Foreign Languages: French - developing conversation skills and vocabulary.

Personal Social Health Education: Our PSHE for the first term will focus on emotions and community.

Important Dates

9th October Hello Yellow Day

27th-30th October Half term

11th and 12th November- Parent consultations

4th December- Occasional day

9th December- Pantomime

18th December- Last day of term

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Class Information:

Teaching Staff: Miss Mulgrew, Mrs Brandon & Mr Morgan; Mrs Nfetgno (French) Mrs Tape (PE) Miss Fitzsimmons (Dance).

Home Learning: Home learning is set on a Monday, to be returned the following Monday. Children are expected to read a minimum of five times a week; they need to record this in their reading record. Spellings and times tables will be tested each week. As always, adults are here to support with home learning if children need. Late or incomplete home learning will be completed during free school time.

We are looking forward to working with all the children and look forward to seeing you during parent consultations.

Yours sincerely,

Year 4 Teaching Team