

# Year 4 Curriculum Letter - Summer 1 - 2025

Our theme for Summer 1 is:

## Groovy Greeks

Our main focuses are:

- Finding out what made the Greeks so groovy! We will be finding out why the Greeks are considered one of the most important ancient civilisations.
- Discovering who the most famous Greeks were that we still know about today.
- Exploring what it was like to live in Ancient Greece and how it was different to the way we live now.

Our theme will last for:

6 weeks



English:

During this half-term, we will be exploring our new book 'Mark of the Cyclops' written by Saviour Pirotta. It's a book chosen from the author's range of Ancient Greek Mysteries and we are really looking forward to diving straight into it!

We will begin by using expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials to write a setting description using a location in the book to inspire us. Following that, we will be looking at jobs in the Greek times with a focus on scribes, just like the main character in our book. We will be creating a persuasive advert to convince people to hire him! From creating adverts, we will be moving onto story writing. Children will have the opportunity to write their own Greek stories using 'Mark of the Cyclops' as a guide.

The first week of this topic is Poetry Week, where we will be reading, exploring and performing the poem 'The Treasures' by Clare Bevan.



Mathematics

To continue our hard work in Maths., we will be focusing on the following knowledge and skills:

- Reading, writing and converting between analogue and digital time
- Using our times tables and division facts to multiply and divide both mentally and using written methods
- Describing positions of points and shapes in coordinate grids and describing movements between positions
- Converting between different units of measure

We will be solving problems throughout the half-term using the knowledge above. If you would like to help your child at home, it would be really beneficial if you could practise their times tables at home alongside the linked division facts.

Personal, Social and Health Education

(P.S.H.E.):

Carrying on with our whole school theme 'No Outsiders in our School', this term we will explore the book 'When Sadness Comes to Call' where we discuss how we can look after our mental health. In our P.S.H.E. lessons, we will be looking at our local communities and how we can have a positive relationship with them.

Behaviour and Safety

This term, we will be learning about our identity. This links to our British Value of 'Individual Liberty'.



R.E.

This half-term, we will be looking at Christianity. We will be thinking about why faith is important to Christians and how their faith helps them to decide what is right or wrong.

Science

In Science, we will be looking at teeth and what organs we have in our digestive system. We'll be finding out exactly where our food goes when we eat it and where it finishes its journey through the human body (yuck!).



History

We love a bit of Horrible Histories in Year 4 and can't wait to find out about the secrets of Ancient Greece. We will be looking at what life was like in Greece and how the Greeks influenced the western world. We will also be looking at the Trojan war. Lastly, we will be finding out who the different Gods and Goddesses worshipped by the Ancient Greeks were.

French

Bonjour! We will be looking and learning about objects in the classroom using French. We will be matching the pictures to the phrases, writing sentences and consolidating our learning by completing speaking and listening activities!

Art

During our Art lessons, we will be looking at the fantastic architecture of the Greek buildings and even having a go at critiquing them.



Computing

In Computing, we will be looking at coding using different hardware and software. We will be investigating how to use 'Micro-bits' and the relationship between a computer and an external system. We will be using this to create a light display linked to our Art project!

Music

This half-term, we will be using technology to create music that includes drum beats, melodies and basslines.



P.E.

During this half-term, Year 4 will learn all about athletics and the range of skills that are required. Polar Bears and Huskies will be starting Swimming after the Easter break.

Please could you ensure that children bring in their indoor and outdoor P.E. kits at the beginning of the week and swimming kits if necessary.



Shared home learning:

Please spend 15 minutes, as a minimum, reading with your child everyday and please ensure that they complete their Reading Journal in this time. This should be completed every day. Optional Maths. and English homework is uploaded to Seesaw every Thursday. Spellings are also uploaded to Seesaw for children to practise at home. Please continue to encourage your children to access Times Tables Rockstars; ask your child's class teacher for their login if they have lost or forgotten it.

Important Dates:

w/b 21st March - Poetry Week  
2nd March - 4MB Family Assembly  
w/b 28th April - First Aid Week  
16th May - Ancient Greek Day (more information to follow)  
w/b 19th May - Map Skills Week  
22nd May - School Photographs

