

# Year 4 Curriculum Letter - Spring Half Term 2 - 2023

Our theme for Spring 2 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.
- Who are the famous Greeks we still know about today?
- What was it like to live in Ancient Greece and how is it different to the way we live now?

Our theme will last for:

5 weeks: 27th February—31st March



English:

In our Spring first 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 looking at jobs in the Greek times with a focus on scribes 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.

We will also be looking at poetry and using Greek myths to help us write our own.

All of our Reading lessons for this half term will be looking at, reading and understanding 'Mark of the Cyclops'.



Mathematics

Euclid, Archimedes, Pythagoras—Ancient Greece provided some of the most famous Mathematicians who produced incredible work most people are still familiar with to this day!

During this half-term, we will be looking at investigating statistics such as sorting data and creating line, bar and time graphs.

As the term goes on, we will then be looking at shape and lines of symmetry.

Year 4 will be continuing to have a huge push on their times tables and will be focusing on different times tables every week to secure children's knowledge of this.



Personal, Social and Health Education (P.S.H.E.):

Carrying on with our whole school theme 'No Outsiders', this term we will be exploring the book 'Aalfred and Aalbert' by Morag Hood. This will help us to consider how we can find common ground with others. In our main P.S.H.E. lessons, we will be looking at how we can keep ourselves healthy and safe.

Behaviour and Safety

The focus of this will be 'Clever Never Goes' which focuses on helping children to make safe decisions.

R.E.

In R.E., we will be continuing to look at Judaism. We will be looking into some key people such as Moses as well as key events like Hanukkah and the Passover.

Science

Olives, hummus, pitta bread and feta! My mouth is watering just at the thought of it all! This half-term, we will be enjoying tasting some Greek food and then considering the very important question—what happens to it next? 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 they 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. Join us as we make our discoveries! We will also be taking part in a Greek Day where we invite all children to dress up as an Ancient Greek! More information on this will follow.

French

Bonjour! We are going to be looking 'Our Homes' (Chez moi). We will be talking about rooms in our homes and details in them.

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 - Search Engines

We will be using search engines to explore the world wide web in order to create a Greek poster/leaflet. This includes understanding validity of online resources and how to be more accurate with our Internet searches.

Music

Pupils will be playing the djembe drums. They will follow rhythms and learn how to use their hands to create different sounds.



P.E.

This term we will be focusing on our football skills in P.E. We will be looking at skills such as dribbling and passing. The Polar Bears and Penguins will also be starting swimming from Monday 27th February.

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, times tables and English homework is uploaded to Seesaw every Monday. Spellings are also uploaded to Seesaw for children to practise at home.

Important Dates:

W/C 27.02.23—Aspirations Week  
02.03.23—World Book Day  
17.03.23—Comic Relief  
24.03.23—Greek Day  
31.03.23—Wear a Hat Day

