

Year 4 Curriculum Letter - Summer 2 - 2024

Our theme for Summer 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:

6 weeks

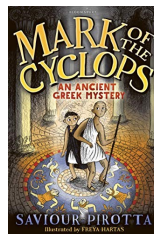


English:

In our final Summer 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.

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



Mathematics

To finish the year, we will be focusing on problem solving with all the skills we have learnt in the Spring, investigating different number systems and solving tricky calculations.

Some of the things that we will look at include:

- Recalling our times tables up to 12 x 12.
- Comparing decimals
- Rounding
- Fractions

If you would like to help your child at home, it would be really beneficial if you could practise their times tables at home.

On the W/C 10th June, Year 4 will be taking part in the Multiplication Times Tables Check.

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 'Julian is a Mermaid' where we discuss how we can celebrate our differences. In P.S.H.E., we will be looking at gender stereotypes.

Behaviour and Safety

During this topic, we will be focusing on respect and how to resolve conflict.



R.E.

In R.E., we will be continuing to look at Judaism. We will be looking at key religious scriptures.

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 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.

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

In Computing, we will be looking at coding. 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!

Music

To finish the year, we will be revisiting some of our previous learning and developing our understanding of history of music.



P.E.

For P.E., we will be learning all about the skills required for a game of tennis! Penguins and Arctic Foxes will continue with their weekly swimming lessons on a Monday morning.

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 10th June — MTC times table check
W/C 10th June — Boardgame week
W/C 17th June — D&T week
21st June — World Music Day
26th June — Year 4 Sports Day (pm)
28th June — Pride Day
10th July — A.R.H. Spirit Day

