



Class 3/4 Autumn Term Newsletter



Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to an exciting Autumn Term. We hope this newsletter will provide useful information about what is happening in our class over the next few weeks.

Theme

Our class theme this Autumn Term is Ancient Greece which we will focus on through all aspects of our learning. We will be exploring Greek Gods, the Olympics, the Greek Empire and Greek Theatre. During this time the class will get the opportunity to make Greek vases as well as Greek theatre masks. With the new school laptops, we will research Ancient Greece and create presentations.

Science

This term our Science topic is Animals, including Humans. From food chains crafts, to models of the digestive system, we will learn this topic in a crafty and practical way. The main foci of this unit are the diet of animals, balanced diet of humans, the muscular and skeletal system and classifying living things. In relation to our Ancient Greece theme, we will also learn about mythical creatures.

English

We will be looking at many different text types this term including Myths and Legends, stories with a historical setting and Information Texts. To begin the school year, we will be focussing on character and setting description which will link to people and settings from Ancient Greece.

Maths

This term will focus heavily on number, including place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Year 3s will begin to learn formal methods for adding and subtracting numbers up to three digits and Year 4s will consolidate their learning on using these formal methods but with numbers up to four digits. Roman numerals will be introduced to the whole class and negative numbers will be introduced to Year 4s. In Autumn Term 2, we will be focussing on length and perimeter which we will use when creating Ancient Greek models.

PE

PE will take place every Thursday morning with Mrs Addison. During this time, they will continue to learn and develop a range of skills whilst working collaboratively. They will need to bring both their indoor and outdoor kit as well as trainers.

RE

This term in RE we will be learning about remembrance in the context of faith festivals of different religions. We will explore actions, celebrations and times of remembering, and how symbols and artefacts are used by faith members when expressing their beliefs.

French

In Autumn Term, we will be learning how to say school subjects and equipment in French in addition to telling the time in French.

Art and DT

In Art, we will be developing and mastering our sketching skills when drawing Greek Gods and mythical creatures. We will be making and painting Greek vases and decorating them with patterns

and images of the Olympics. In DT, we will be designing, making and evaluating a Greek mask while learning the importance of Greek theatre.

Music

In the first half term, the children will be continuing to develop their understanding of tempo, rhythm and pulse. The children will perform collaboratively and experiment with different instruments.

Homework

Homework is set at the beginning of each half term. There is a 'menu' of activities. Your child must complete one every week and hand their homework book in every Thursday to be marked and returned back to the children the same week on Friday. There will be more information about this in the homework book.

Spellings

Spellings will be put into their homework book every Friday ready for them to practise at home. They need to practise putting the words into sentences to show that they know what they mean. They will be tested on them every Friday.

I hope this Newsletter has given you an insight into the learning journey this term. I will make myself available to speak to if you have any questions, problems or concerns. Just catch me at the end of the day by the cloakroom door, or call the office to make an appointment with me.

Thanks,

Miss Vaughan and Miss Haldenby
Class 3/4 Team