



Dear Year 4 Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to our final term of Year 4.

Our topic for this term is **Greek Symmetry** and we will be learning all about the history of Ancient Greece and its links with the modern world. Wherever possible, our topic will be covered through cross curricular teaching and learning so that we can make meaningful links across the spectrum of subjects.

In English, we will be enjoying a range of Greek Myths, which will support both creative and non-fiction writing. We are going to take a look at narratives, instructions, explanations and poetry. Drama, role-play and debate will be used to explore ideas and to support our writing. Grammar objectives will be embedded within English lessons whilst spelling strategies and handwriting will be taught in separate lessons each week.

In Maths, we will continue to cover a range of number based topics, including looking at decimals, money, time and a revisit of place value. We will practice times tables daily, using a range of strategies. We will also encourage the children to spend about 10 minutes each day practicing these facts at home too. **The statutory multiplication check will take place in June. (Children are expected to know all multiplication tables up to 12 x12)**

Our science topics are electricity and animals including humans. Electricity will see us exploring the language, symbols and application of circuits. Animals including humans, involves looking at digestive systems, teeth and food chains. We are also hosting our second annual STEAM exhibition (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) more details of which will follow.

In Art and DT, we will be looking at the significance of Greek architecture and Greek vases. We will consider the influence that can be seen in the architecture around London. We will also be thinking about the importance of symmetry in design.

In PSHE, we will explore issues around well being, hygiene, mental health, budgeting, medication/drugs and stereotyping. We will take a closer look at our Hawley values and further embed them into our daily routines at school.

Y4 have singing assembly and music lessons with Olga on a Wednesday morning.

PE will be on a Wednesday and Thursday. Children will not be changing into PE kits at school, so please send them in wearing suitable clothing and trainers. Long hair should be tied back from the face. We will continue to complete a daily mile, so every day the children need to wear shoes (trainers)

that make it easy for them to run in. It is also essential that the children bring a water bottle into school every day.

Your child will receive homework every Thursday. Homework is due back on the following Thursday. The children should be increasingly independent in making sure their homework is completed and handed in on the correct day. We will use a mixture of online (Google Classroom and TimesTablesRockstars) and traditional formats for homework.

As part of our spelling curriculum, the children will also focus on developing spelling lists built around letter patterns, also at times, topic related words as well as the compulsory age appropriate lists. Accuracy and speed in both writing and mental calculations become increasingly important as the children mature, and to achieve this they will benefit from practice at every opportunity.

Visits and workshops this term:

London Zoo - Friday 29th April

British Library - 27th April - Virtual Session at school

National Portrait Gallery - 3rd May - Virtual Session at school

Canal Trip - 10th May - Canal Project

Royal Mews Jubilee Visit - 25th May

Soane's Museum - 9th June

National Portrait Gallery - 21st June - Virtual Session at school

Sir Robert McAlpine - 27th June - Crane workshop

There are others in the pipeline that I will confirm as we go forward.

With thanks for your support,

Warmest,

Lucy, Rada, Jade, Charlie, Clare, Jenni
Y4 Class Team.

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