



Welcome back to another school year! We hope you had a great summer and can't wait to get back into learning. This year, year 4 will be taught by Miss Steph Scott and Miss Lisa Clark. We will also be working with Miss Steph Brown.

Project: Ancient Greece

This half term our project will be about Ancient Greece. We will be finding out about life in Ancient Greece and how they have influenced the way we live today. We will be learning about the differences between Sparta and Athens and finding out about the Battle of Marathon. We will also be having a 'Greek day' to ignite this topic.



Literacy

Our literacy unit linked to our Ancient Greece project will be based around Greek myths. We will be using drama to bring these myths to life and develop our descriptive writing as we describe the various characters and settings. In our grammar lessons we will be focusing on the use of accurate punctuation, as well as nouns and pronouns. We will also be developing our accuracy in spelling.

Mathematics

This half term we will be using 4 digit numbers to compare and order numbers. We will also be practising our written methods for addition and subtraction with these numbers, and beginning to work with negative numbers. By the end of year 4, children are expected to know their times tables up to 12 x 12 so we will also be doing lots of times tables practise on a daily basis. This will help us to solve problems using multiplication and division later in the year.

P.E.

This half term's PE lessons -

Miss Scott's class:

- Monday - indoor PE
- Thursday - outdoor PE

Miss Clark's class:

- Wednesday - indoor PE
- Thursday - swimming

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school on these days, including suitable trainers for outdoor PE. PE lessons will go ahead in most weathers.

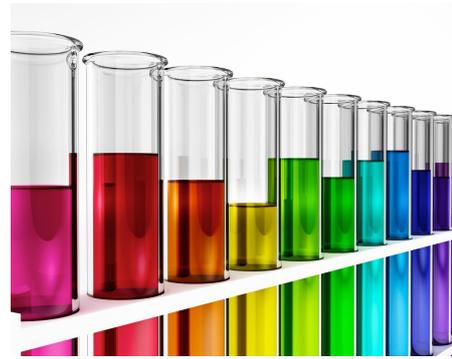
This half term our indoor PE will focus on gymnastics, while our outdoor PE will focus on netball.

Home learning challenges

Last year we introduced home learning challenges and were delighted with the number of children who took part and the quality of their work. After taking into consideration parent feedback, we will continue this for this year. You will receive your new learning challenge next week. In addition children will receive their KIRF (key instant recall of facts) and weekly spellings.

Science

This term we will be learning about particle theory, focusing on chemical reactions. We will find out what happens to different materials when heated or cooled, and will learn how to identify the difference between solids, liquids and gases. We have some exciting investigative work and scientific demonstrations to look forward to, including 'The Whoosh Bottle' and making 'Elephant's Toothpaste'.



Reading at home

As the children move into year 4, we still encourage you to read with them four times per week. Reading is beneficial not only to their understanding of different texts but also to their writing and vocabulary. We don't mind what you choose to read at home, so long as the text is suitable for your child's age group and that they enjoy it. We are also happy for your child to read to a sibling out loud if they prefer, so long as it is an adult that signs their reading record. Please record any and all reading done at home in the reading records provided and ensure that they are brought to school daily, as these are checked every morning.

Dates for your diary

12th September - after school clubs start for 5 weeks

14th September 3.30pm - curriculum and cake meeting for yr4 parents

16th September - Ancient Greek day - children are invited to dress up in Ancient Greek costume.

11th and 13th October - Parent's Evening