



Welcome back to another school year! We hope you had a great summer and can't wait to get back into learning. Year 4 this year will be taught by Mrs Lovegood and Mrs Ashington. We will also be working with Helen and Thoura.

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 the Ancient Greeks 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 -

Mrs Lovegood's class:

- Wednesday - outside PE
- Thursday - indoor PE

Mrs Ashington's class:

- Wednesday - outdoor 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

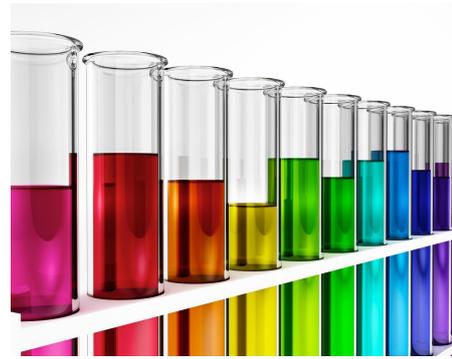
Last year, we introduced home learning challenges and were delighted with the number of children who took part and the quality of their work. After taking into consideration parent feedback, we will continue this for this year. You will receive your new learning challenge next week. In addition,

children will receive their KIRF (key instant recall of facts) and weekly spellings.



Science

This term, we will be learning about 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 involving some interesting materials such as hair gel, milk, detergent and chocolate.



Reading at home

As the children move into year 4, we still encourage you to read with them every day. Reading is beneficial not only to their understanding of different texts but also to their writing and vocabulary. 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.

We will be continuing our hugely successful reading challenge this year, allowing children who have read every day to earn a golden ticket. All golden tickets are put into a raffle and winners drawn will be able to enjoy a prize.

Dates for your diary

8th September - Ancient Greek day - children are invited to dress up in Ancient Greek costume.

11th September - after school clubs start.

19th September 3.30pm - curriculum and cake meeting for Year 4 parents.

10th and 12th October-Parent's Evening.