

**Autumn 1 Year 4 Class Information:****Teachers: Miss Webber, Miss Meere,
Mrs Aoumeur****Additional adults: Mr Lee, Mrs Payne****School value:**

Our school value for this half term is Kindness. Circle time sessions will give the children the chance to explore our value.

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome to our Year 4 children and their families. We are looking forward to getting to know one another this term. You can follow our class twitter pages to keep up to date with what is happening in the classroom

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Year 4's learning this half term:**English:**

Hugh Lupton's *The Adventures of Odysseus* is this half term's core text. It is a book based on Greek mythology, following the ten-year journey of Greek God Odysseus. The story tells of the battles and ordeals as the reader learns what it means to be a hero within Ancient Greece. The children will be using descriptive language to describe characters and settings from the text and then applying innovative ideas to develop their own writing skills to create a Greek myth.

Maths:

In Maths this half term, our focus will be on place value and ordering numbers including decimals. The children will look at making whole numbers using decimals, and use number knowledge to solve problems. The children will explore mathematical concepts within live contexts. Following on from this, Year 4 will be learning to round whole numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. This will be done using concrete, abstract and pictorial methods.

Science:

This half term in Science, Year 4 will be learning about States of Matter. They will be describing the properties of materials in different forms before exploring its sources and explaining how they differ. There will be lots of experiments including testing solids, liquids and gases. They will be using scientific language when writing an accurate fair test based on a scientific enquiry.

PE:

This half term in PE, Year 4 will be focusing on gymnastics and multi-skill games. The children will be learning about how to build tension in their muscles and how to use their balance to hold a static pose. They will be using a range of different strategies to improve their agility during activities.

RSE:

Our RSE focus this half term will be linked to making friends and understanding peer pressure within friendship groups. The children will also understand online safety and begin to discuss the differences between online friendships and what is harmful contact.

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In Music, the children will be working towards creating and performing their own musical piece. They will learn to describe music using the correct vocabulary, as well as explore various musical instruments.

Curriculum:

In Curriculum, the children will be exploring Ancient Greece and reflecting on the significance of this time period within History. The children will learn about Greek culture, democracy in Athens as well as the impact of the Greek Empire on modern Britain. The children will also compare and contrast countries from various geographical locations to understand the lifestyle of wide range of localities across the world.

Art:

This half term Year 4 will learn about Greek mosaic for our Art work. The children will begin the unit exploring different styles of mosaic and learning about how mosaic tiles are made. They will explore theme and moods consistent with Ancient Greece. Once familiar with a range of mosaic styles, children will compare this with illustrations in our core text *The Adventures of Odysseus*, and then spend time creating their own mosaic style collage as a collaborative art piece.

French: The children will recap numbers from 30-69 as well as learning to name family members and ask and answer questions about siblings. During French lessons children will have the opportunity to engage in discussion in French to develop speaking and listening skills and then apply within their French writing.

General Information

PE: PE will take place twice a week on Monday and Wednesday for Year 4.

Children should bring their PE kits to school on these days. These PE lessons will all be outside. Please ensure your child has warm kit for this including sensible shoes, trousers/joggers and a jumper.

Reading journals: Please ensure children bring in their reading journals to school **every day**. This allows teachers to check when children have achieved a book certificate and see how they're progressing with their home reading.

Water bottles: Please ensure your child brings a clean, suitable water bottle, filled with water, into class with their name on.

Times Tables: In Year 4, children will continue practising instant recall of their times table. This half term, children will focus on learning the 6 times tables.

Homework: Children will be given homework every Friday due for the following Wednesday.

Reading

We do whole class reading **every day**.

The children will work as a whole class, reading a range of texts that will help extend their literary understanding. The children will change their home reading books once they have finished and returned their book. Children will choose a book of free choice to enjoy at home as well as having to bring it into class each day.

Please try to read with your child every day at home for twenty minutes. Feel free to give feedback about their progress, or the level of the reading book in their Reading Records. We appreciate all parental feedback.

Dates for the Diary:

Friday 17th September – Meet the teacher

Friday 22nd October - Last day of term

Monday 1st November – Autumn 2 term begins