

ENGLISH & LANGUAGE:

ENGLISH: To enhance the children's understanding of our topic they will be learning the stories of *Prometheus* and *Icarus* this term. The children will also be deepening their understanding of what is involved in information writing and will be creating a book about Ancient Greece. We will be working on recount writing in the second half of term and this will link well with the diary writing the children will be producing in RE. There will continue to be a significant focus on the use of spelling, grammar and punctuation this year and we will be working hard to further develop understanding of inference and deduction.

FRENCH: We will be learning how to ask about, and tell others about, birthdays (this will involve revising numbers to 31 and the months of the year). We will also be exploring, and learning phrases linked to, Divali, other festivals of light and Christmas.

MATHEMATICS: Our maths programme will continue to follow the new National Curriculum. Objectives will include:

- Finding number bonds to multiples of 100
- Finding the difference by counting up
- Comparing 4-digit numbers
- Adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers mentally
- Learning multiplication and division facts for the 6 and 9 times tables
- Addition using the column method
- Converting grams into kilograms

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

At the start of the term we will be exploring the question, 'Do Murtis help Hindus to understand God?' which will build on, and develop, the children's understanding of Hinduism. After half term, we will be focusing on 'Christmas Journeys', looking at life in Galilee at the time of the Birth of Jesus, as well as the significance of the Nativity in the Christian faith.

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UNDERSTANDING THE ARTS

MUSIC: We will be learning to play the violin on Wednesdays; a letter will be coming home soon with an agreement for parents/guardians to sign which will mean that the children can borrow a violin for the year at no cost! This will give everyone an opportunity to practise at home (and will give us some extra space in the classroom)!

ART: The children will be learning about Greek vases and researching the different illustrations typically used on red and black figure vases. The children will be using clay to create their own Greek vases this term and will then use what they've learnt to inspire how they decorate them!

UNDERSTANDING PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & WELLBEING PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

On Mondays the children will be taught the skills linked with, and how to play, invasion games. The children will still be swimming on Tuesdays. Please could you ensure that your child has their P.E. kit in school and that if they are asthmatic we have access to an inhaler in class throughout the week. Children with long hair will need to tie it back and it is really helpful if earrings aren't worn on PE days.

SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING

SCIENCE: In the first half of term we will be learning about sound, how it is made and what materials we can use to deaden sound.

In the second half of term Year 4 will be learning about the human digestive system and will be comparing this with some other animals' digestive systems (particularly ruminants). We will also be learning about teeth and tooth decay and simple food chains.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY: The children will be learning about pneumatics and will be applying this knowledge to designing and making a 'Moving Mythological Monster'!

COMPUTING: Year 4 will be using the iPads to research aspects of Ancient Greece; they will go on to develop their use and understanding of PowerPoint by creating a presentation linked to Ancient Greece on the laptops and PCs. We will be exploring how to use the internet safely and the children will be taught ways of doing this. Year 4 are set Mathletics homework every Friday which should be completed by Thursday; if your child cannot access this for some reason please let me know.

HISTORICAL, GEOGRAPHICAL & SOCIAL UNDERSTANDING

HISTORY: The children will be learning about Ancient Greece. They will learn about aspects of life in the two city states of Athens and Sparta. They will also learn about the Greek alphabet and how to write their name in Greek letters. The children will have the opportunity to discover what happened in the battle of Marathon and will explore elements of Ancient Greek religion. They will learn about the ancient Olympics and how they differ from the Olympics today. They will also have the chance to learn about important historical figures and will consider how the Ancient Greeks have influenced our society in general.

PSHE/SEAL: Using the SEAL programme we will be focusing on the topics 'New Beginnings' and 'Getting on and Falling Out'.