

ENGLISH & LANGUAGE

ENGLISH: Our story will be 'Danny the Champion of the World'. We will be using this text to inspire our persuasive writing (following on from spoken debates in class). We will be working on instruction writing after half-term and will be linking this to our work in science and history. There will continue to be a significant focus on the teaching and learning of spelling alongside the use of grammar and punctuation and we will be following the *Read, Write Inc. Spelling Programme* each week for 45 minutes.

FRENCH: The children will be learning about different aspects of life in France, including schools, and will be extending their knowledge of both spoken and written vocabulary through songs and games.

SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING

SCIENCE: Year 4 will be learning about the different properties of sound. They will learn that sounds are vibrations and that certain factors affect how effectively we can hear. We will be learning about different pitches, experimenting with different instruments and we will be experimenting with volume.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY: We are planning to make vases out of clay, fitting with our Greek topic. The children will be learning about mixed media and experimenting with a range of supplies to create this project.

COMPUTING: Year 4 will be learning how to use Lego WeDo to write and debug programs using the laptops and PCs. We will also be learning about how to find and use reliable and appropriate information using the internet, what plagiarism is and how to avoid it.

Ancient Greece

Spring Term – Year 4



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

At the start of term, Year 4 will be exploring the question, 'Does prayer change things?' We will access this question from a range of different religions including – Christianity, Hinduism and Islam.

After half-term we will be building on Salvation, with the key question: Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?

HISTORICAL and GEOGRAPHICAL UNDERSTANDING

HISTORY: The focus this term will be on finding out about why there was conflict between Athens and Sparta and what life was like at this time. We will be researching different myths and legends and the impact these had on Greek culture. We will be learning about the beginnings of the Olympic Games, as well as the importance of religion.

GEOGRAPHY: We will be using different sources to explore the Geography of Greece. The children will use atlases to identify and label the main regions of Greece. This will support our learning on the conflict in Ancient Greece. We will also research different geographical features such as the terrain and climate and then compare these to the UK.

MATHEMATICS

There will be a big push on the children's mental maths this term. We will be using Times Tables Rock Stars to practise during school. Please ensure the children are also practising at home.

This term we will be learning the following topics:

- Multiplication using written methods.
- Multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number.
- Multiplying a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number.
- Division with remainders.
- Area.
- Equivalent fractions.
- Simplifying fractions.
- Fractions greater than 1.

UNDERSTANDING THE ARTS

MUSIC: We will be continuing to learn the violin on Wednesdays; it would be very helpful if violins could go home each week to facilitate practice and ensure the classroom is clear.

ART: We will spend the first part of the term creating out entries to the Young Art Oxford competition. We will then be exploring pattern using different mediums, reflection, symmetry and geometry.

UNDERSTANDING PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & WELLBEING

The children will be swimming on a Tuesday and be developing their hockey skills on Thursday afternoons. Please could you ensure that your child has their P.E. kit in school.

PSHE/SEAL: Year 4 will be discussing the topic of Feelings and Emotions. We will be working on how to detect emotions in other people and how to communicate about our own emotions.