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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 4

Welcome back to a new Spring Term. We would like to share with you the exciting learning planned for the term. We hope that the information below helps you support your child over the coming term.

English

Reading

This term we will be looking at the following Learning Objectives and all the success criteria that needs to be covered to obtain the objectives:

Reading

- I can tell the difference between fact and fiction
- I can scan texts in print or on screen to locate the information I want
- I can identify differences between narrative and playscripts
- I can identify features of myths
- I can predict what will happen next

This will be done through guided reading sessions at school and reading homework.

You can help at home by reading regularly and discussing what you have read. Being able to recall in a few sentences what has been read is also an important and useful skill which can be developed in reading sessions at home.

Writing

In writing throughout all subjects it is expected that the children will always use capital letters and full stops as well as write using cursive writing. Children in Year 4 will be encouraged to improve their handwriting enough to be given an ink pen licence.

Spellings will be tested weekly and a half-termly spelling sheet will be handed out at the beginning of term outlining the focus for the week and the spellings to be learned. These spellings will be in line with the National Curriculum spellings for Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4).

We will be looking at the following objectives this term:

Playscript (Theseus and the Minotaur)

- I can use my knowledge of grammar
- I can write a playscript
- I can use determiners

Myth unit

- I can retell a myth
- Revision of other objectives studied through the year

Mathematics

We will be following the Year 4 National Curriculum maths objectives. We will be having regular problem solving session activities to apply our understanding to working out problems. Discussing problem solving techniques with your child would be very useful.



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We will be having weekly times tables tests which will improve recall and accuracy. Tables are very useful in all aspects of maths and quick recall will help your child develop increased confidence in maths.

The children will also be doing fluency quizzes most weeks which cover a wide range of objectives.

Our plan for this term involves covering the following topics:

- Converting, comparing and calculating units of measurement – mass, length, volume and money
- Measure and calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear figure
- Measure the area of a rectilinear shape
- Describe and plot co-ordinates
- Make a bar graph and line graph
- Carry out a data handling investigation

Science

The topic for this term is Living things and their habitats. This will look at classifying animals, how changing environments can be a danger to living things and looking at food chains.

History and Geography

We will be doing a History topic on the Ancient Greeks. We will look at religion, warfare, how the ancient Greeks lived and what food they ate. We will be thinking about “Is there more to the Ancient Greeks than the Olympic Games?”

Art and Design Technology

We will be looking at food through our Ancient Greece topic, creating a lunch fit for a Grecian. We also aim to do some nature art during a trip to the park.

Music

We will be learning and perfecting our songs and dances for the production.

RE

The RE topic for this term asks the question: “What is the best way for a Jew to show commitment to God?”

French

Year 4 will be learning the names of snacks, and how to ask for them. We will also be looking at numbers to 31 and months of the year.

PE

The children will be having their specialist sports teaching on Thursdays. The focus will be striking and fielding.

PSHE

We will be starting a new unit called Relationships.



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Computing

Year 4 will be creating a trifold advertising leaflet, editing photos and presenting them within a multimedia slide show. They will be learning how the internet works and how websites are ranked. They will continue to experiment with Logo.

Please support your child with their home learning (see Homework Policy on our website) and remember that learning should be meaningful and fun. If you are experiencing difficulties with homework please do let us know. If you are able to support your child's learning by some visits to places of interest linked to our topics please encourage them to tell us about it – or bring in a postcard or souvenir to talk about.

We will, as always, be keeping in touch with Class News.

Kind regards

Mrs O'Neal

Class Teacher