Year 4 Newsletter

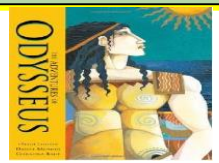
Happiness Kindness Respect Resilience

This newsletter gives you important information about your child/children's learning and how you can support them at home.

Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you are all very excited to get back to school after the summer holidays! We can't wait to have you all back for our first half term! We have lots of exciting topics and texts for the children to learn about this half term.

English



This term we will study "The Adventures of Odysseus" by Hugh Lupton, which links in with our Topic of Ancient Greece. We will be exploring mythology and will write our own myths at the end of the half term! The types of writing will also include diary, recounts and also narrative writing.

Science

Our topic is "Power it up!" (Electricity). We will be studying simple circuits, electrical symbols, electrical insulators and conductors, how switches work in a circuit and the dangers of electricity. We will be carrying out scientific investigations on different types of circuits and writing conclusions.

Computing

We will be designing our own games and focusing on algorithms and debugging and deciding what works within our design. We will use programmes such as Bloxels and Scratch to help us with this.

Maths

We will be securing place value knowledge. We will review how to order and compare numbers and we will focus on counting forwards and backwards in powers of 10. We will also be looking at negative numbers in context and we will be rounding whole numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and decimal numbers to the nearest whole number and to 1 decimal place. We will review what the children have learnt about Roman Numerals and build on that knowledge by learning about Roman Numerals up to 1000. As always **times tables** up to 12x12 are vital and must be practised constantly.

RE

We will be studying Buddhism. Children will learn about the Buddhist community and explain what the Sangha is and does. They will also learn the story of the King's Elephant and explain its meaning. The children will explore how and why Buddhists meditate and explore the importance of the temple to a Buddhist.

My Happy Mind

We will be learning about 'Meet Your Brain''. This focuses on how our brains work.

Topic

Our topic this term is **Ancient Greece**. We will be exploring the life of the Ancient Greeks using maps we will be learning about the extent of their empire and how they lived. The children will explore what life was like for Ancient Greeks and look at artefacts, archaeological sites and discoveries to deepen their understanding of the past.

Key dates & how you can help your child

Homework: Set Friday. Returned Thursday.
PE: Cherry Class –Monday and Thursday
Sapphire Class – Tuesday and Thursday
Spelling test: Fridays
Times table test: Fridays
Learning tools: www.ttrockstars.com
Maths Frame multiplication check