



# Summer Term 2024

## Parents' Curriculum Information

### Phase 3 (Year 4)

#### English



Throughout the Summer term, the children will be practising reading and writing skills daily, through the general theme of our topic, "Ancient Greece." Children will read different forms of fiction and non-fiction texts, including looking at Greek mythology. Spellings will be learnt in classes each week.

Please support and encourage your child to read at home daily and record this in their yellow log. Short bursts of regular reading, will support your child in all areas of their learning and allow them to continue to make good progress. Every 2 weeks, your child will be invited to choose a book from the library to read and take home. Please ensure these are then returned so that a new book can be chosen.

#### Maths



Year 4 pupils will have 5 lessons of maths per week. These maths lessons will continue to look at decimals. Learning will then progress to measurement, particularly money and time. After half-term, the main focus will be on statistics and geometry. Learning will take place through a variety of activities, some with an Ancient Greek theme! Children can still access the Times Tables Rock Stars website with their own usernames and passwords, to allow for additional practise at home. They will have their official multiplication check in the second half of this term.

#### Science, History and Geography



Our main topic learning this term in year 4, will focus on Ancient Greece and we will approach this by using our historical enquiry skills to learn about life in the times of the Ancient Greek people, including the Olympics.

Our geography learning will cover the tropics, the lines of meridian and time around the world.

Our science learning focusses on two main areas this term. The first is electricity, where we will experiment with creating complete electrical circuits and learn to identify whether a circuit can make a lamp turn on. The second is sound, where we will investigate how sound is created and how it is affected by pitch and distance.

## Computing and Online Safety



Children will continue to improve their PowerPoint skills by creating a PowerPoint linked to some other elements we are learning about, as well as presenting a PowerPoint through their 'Time to Talk' (details to be sent out). Our online safety lessons will focus on privacy and security, as well as copyright and ownership.

## PSHE and RE



This term, our PSHE work will be looking at relationships and jealousy in the first half term, moving onto looking at 'Changing Me' after the half term break. Occasionally, PSHE lessons can raise sensitive issues, so should there be any topic that you think may affect your child, please let the class teacher know in advance.

We will be looking at some aspects of the religion of Sikhism, focussing on the concept of khalsa and langar. We will also focus on Christianity including baptism and the involvement of the body of Christ in the Christian religion.

Class Council will take place regularly. At this meeting, children in a class have a chance to discuss issues in our school that they want taken to our School Council.

## PE



All classes will have two PE lessons each week. Please ensure that your child has a complete PE kit — particularly a warm tracksuit and trainers for outdoor PE. Please ensure that all kit is clearly named. If you are unsure of the correct kit, please check with your class teacher or the office. Long hair must be tied back and pupils must remove all jewellery. Pupils should leave earrings at home or be able to remove them themselves (or have them taped if newly pierced) on specified PE days. Summer term PE will cover athletic key skills, as well as tennis skills in the first half-term. The second half-term will cover dodgeball and rounders.

## Art, Music and Design and Technology



In the summer term, we will look at designing some torches, which links to our science topic of 'Electricity', and designing and building our own slingshot cars.

In art, children will be developing their drawing and painting techniques, as well as using different medias. We will develop our skills and consider proportion and tone.

In music, children will be looking at changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics, as well as looking at haikus.

Please see the monthly newsletters from Mr Pettitt or the calendar on our school website to keep up with key dates and events for our Year Group.

Have a wonderful summer term!

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