



# St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

## Year 4 Newsletter

### Autumn 2

#### Who were the Ancient Greeks and what did we learn from them?

During this half term, Year 4 will explore the History of the Ancient Greeks. The topic focuses on their lives and the differences between the Athenians and the Spartans. After, they will research the Greek Gods and begin to understand what we have learnt from the Ancient Greeks. We will also be visiting Hanley Museum to create a Greek Coil Pot.

#### English

This half term, Y4 will use different Greek myths. The unit will focus on understanding the features of a myth, using description for settings, picking out all of the key vocabulary and looking at characters' thoughts, feelings, actions and motives through diary entries. To support our fictional writing, Y4 will be using their imagination to recreate their own myth using the idea of heroes and villains and the story of Theseus and the Minotaur.



#### Reading



Please continue to listen to your children read every night at home. We recognise that this is not always an easy task, but thank you for your commitment.

The children will have daily guided reading sessions as well as individual reading with the class teacher or support staff.

All children will also continue to have access to the 'Bug Club' online library. Please encourage your child to access this fantastic resource at home if you are able to do so.

#### Maths

In Singapore Maths, the children will be focusing on mastering written methods for addition and subtraction. They will then look at the methods for multiplication and division. They will start by using their times tables and then apply these to a short written method of multiplication and division.

All children have access to Times Table Rock Stars online. Please encourage your child to access this at home as it will help with their multiplication skills.



#### Science

In science, Year 4 will be exploring: the human digestive system, the organs that are used when digesting foods and their functions in our bodies. They will be discovering what happens to the food we eat and how it affects our body.

After, we will be looking at the different types of teeth that we have and their functions. Finally, we will learn about different food chains.



#### PE

For children in **4C** PE will be on a **Monday morning** and **4W** will be a **Thursday Morning**.

Please ensure that your child is in their PE kit on those days.  
Our PE kit is black tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt and black pumps or trainers.