



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 2

Who were the Ancient Greeks?

During this half term, Year 4 will explore the History of the Ancient Greeks. The topic focuses on the lives of the Ancient Greeks, including the differences between Athenians and Spartans. They will then research Greek Gods, and how or what we learn from myths and legends. Through the topic, the children will investigate the impact the Greeks had on modern society. During D & T week, the children will sew a fabric material purse.

English

This half term, Year 4 will look at different Greek myths. This term 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 our own myth using the idea of heroes and villains and the story of Theseus and the Minotaur.



Science

This Autumn Term, 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 exploring what happens to the food we eat and how it affects our body. After, they will be looking at the different types of teeth we have, their functions and how, as well as why, we need to look after them.

Reading

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

The children will continue to 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 children to access this fantastic resource at home if you are able to do so.

Maths

During this half term, Year 4 will focus on mastering written methods for subtraction, multiplication and division with additional focus on the mental skills that may be used in everyday situations. They will learn how to divide and multiply by 1 and 0. Using their times tables and knowledge of place value, they will multiply multiples of 10, leading to the multiplication of 2 digit numbers using short multiplication. Children will continue to practise all of their times using Times Table Rock Stars.

P.E.

For children in 4B, P.E. will be on a Friday afternoon and 4W's P.E. will be Thursday mornings.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on their day.

Our P.E. kit is black tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt and black pumps or trainers.

Jewellery should not be worn. No earrings allowed.