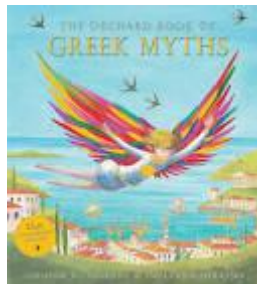


Year 4 autumn 1

Well done on a great start to Year 4 everyone. We have all settled really well and are working incredibly hard.

English

In English this half term we have been looking Ancient Greek Myths and have read some of the stories from the Orchard Book of Greek Myths. We focused particularly on the story of King Midas. We looked at using paragraphs to help us organise our writing as well as powerful verbs to make our writing more interesting to the reader. We have learned how to use inverted commas for dialogue and combined all of these skills to write our own version of the King Midas myth with ourselves as the central character. Our non-fiction work centred around instructions. We looked at the different features of instructional texts and, staying on a mythical theme wrote our own instructions for Dragon lemonade.



Maths

At the beginning of the term we enjoyed learning all about Roman Numerals. We then moved on to place value and rounding numbers to the nearest 1,000. We have used the inequalities symbols to compare 4 digit numbers saying which one is greater than and which is less than. We have also been adding 2, 4-digit numbers including re-grouping. We have learned how to "carry over" and "put it on the doorstep".

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Science

Our question in Science this half term has been: How could we live without electricity for one day? We have investigated circuits, finding out how to make a bulb light up. We have investigated conductors and insulators and used a range of classroom resources to make our own switches.

History

In history we have been focusing on the ancient Greeks and many different aspects of their lives. We have learned what a civilisation is and how the two opposing civilisations of Athens and Sparta were always at war. We have researched Greek gods and how the Greeks use them to explain different aspects of their lives. We have compared the ancient and modern Olympic Games and found out the story behind the Trojan horse.



DT

Our topic for DT was about designing and making our own torch. We looked at circuits as part of our science lesson and knew how to make switches to turn our torch on and off. We found out about different types of torches and then created a design for our own torch.

We have made a great start to our time tables practice. We are all using TT Rock Stars daily in class to carry out our sound checks. Any extra time we can spend on TT Rock Stars at home would be an added bonus!