

Dear Year 4 parents

Welcome back. For this first half-term of Year 4 our topic "It's a Myth-stery" is led by the legacy of The Ancient Greeks. We'll be exploring Ancient Greek life and myths through different parts of the curriculum.

Dates for your diary

'Meet The Teacher' **Wednesday September 10th**

Swimming resumes **Tuesday September 9th**

Harvest Fair **Friday October 10th**

Individual photos **Wednesday October 22nd**

Flu Vaccinations **Friday October 24th**

School closes for the half-term **Friday October 24th**

Please ensure the allergy information that school holds on your child is up to date

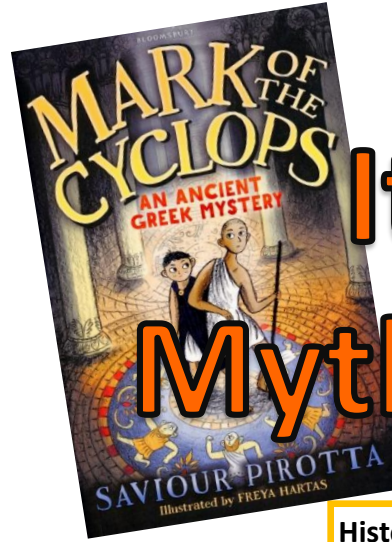
Mathematics

All KS2 classes begin the year by revisiting place value and the number system. In year 3, numbers ended at 999! Now the children will be partitioning (breaking up) numbers up to 10,000 in different ways. Also new for Y4 is rounding number the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. Children will be using their efficient column addition and subtraction strategies (with carrying and exchanging) with these larger numbers.

We hope to get Times Table Rock Stars up and running soon so that children can practise their times tables both at home and in school.

Art

The children will be exploring Op Art, largely inspired by the works of Bridget Riley, with Mrs Barrowcliff. Linked to Ancient Greece, the children will be studying Greek designs and painting these on their own Greek pot, made using the coil technique.



It's a Myth-stery!

Science

The National Curriculum unit is called, 'States of Matter'. The children will understand the characteristics of solids, liquids and gases and how a substance might change between these three states. There will also be the opportunity for some investigative work as the children compare insulating materials or observe changes in matter.

History

History is our lead subject for this half term. As an example, we will be exploring key dates within Ancient Greece, the Olympic games, Greek theatre, life in Ancient Greece, the importance of Greek pottery and the origins of democracy.

Spanish

The children consolidate their learning in Year 3 before embarking on a topic comparing towns in the UK and Spain. They will study the verb, 'ir' (to go).

English

We will be exploring Greek myths and creating our own, focusing heavily on descriptive language and supporting sentence types. There will be regular reading and spelling sessions, as well as a weekly grammar lesson. **Spelling checks are on Tuesdays.**

Computing

Our computing unit will be taught by Mr Worth. He will be exploring internet safety. We are awaiting log ins for the students for our new IT system.

Class Story

Our class read is 'Mark of the Cyclops', a mystery set in ancient Greek times. Whilst fictional, the historical elements are factual and teach children more about our topic.

PE

Until Christmas, the children will be swimming, continuing from where they left off in year 3.

Home learning

Spelling checks will be weekly on **Tuesdays**. Please encourage your child to read **four times a week** and to record this in their reading diaries. **Homework books** and **grids** will be handed out shortly, the aim is to complete **six** pieces a half term.