

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

School opens **Wednesday September 2nd**

Baseline assessments **Wednesday 2nd – Tuesday 8th September.**

'Meet The Teacher' **Wednesday September 9th**

Swimming resumes **Tuesday September 8th**

PTA Family Quiz Night

Harvest Fair

Individual photos

Y4 visit to Manchester Art Gallery **Tuesday October 13th**

Ancient Greek Day (Dress as an Ancient Greek) **Tuesday October 20th**

School closes for the half-term **Friday October 23rd**

Mathematics

All KS2 classes begin the year by revisiting place value and the number system. In Y3 number ended at 999! Now the children will be partitioning (breaking up) numbers up to 10,000 in different ways. E.g. $14500 = 10000 + 4000 + 500$ but also $14000 + 500$.

Also new for Y4 is rounding number to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. Children will be using their efficient column addition and subtraction strategies introduced in Y3, with carrying and exchanging, with these larger numbers.

In June, all Y4 children in England undergo an assessment of their ability to recall multiplication (times table) facts up to 12×12 . This assessment, known as The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is completed in school on a PC, laptop computer or iPad between 14th and 18th June. To support the children, we will make use of Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) as well as weekly tests in the children's yellow test books.

Art

After an introductory topic on optical illusion, the children will be exploring elements of Greek designs and drawings. They will then make use of these to make and decorate a piece of clay pottery toward the end of the term.



It's a 'Mythstery'

History

This is our lead subject for Autumn 1 and we will be concentrating on what the Ancient Greeks did for us today. That might be democracy, theatre, architecture, art or the Olympic games.

The children will also understand how Ancient Greece fits in chronologically with the history topics that they studied in Year 3.

A visit to Manchester Art gallery and a Greek themed dressing up day will consolidate learning in this popular historical topic.

English

We certainly won't be missing out on the exciting legacy of Greek mythology and its tales of gods, goddesses, monsters, heroes and heroines in whole class reading sessions. Having listened to and analysed a selection of myths, children will develop their ability to describe monsters and settings before writing a quest style myth of their own. Weekly spellings from our Ed Shed scheme will be tested weekly and we urge parents to continue to enjoy books with their children.

Computing

Our first computing unit will introduce the children to LOGO, a simple computing language that they can use to build onscreen procedures and control a floor robot.

Spanish

After consolidating their learning in Year 3, children will embark on a new topic when they will learn the names of months of the year, the seasons and how to talk about the weather.

Physical Education

Swimming will recommence on Tuesday September 8th. You should have received a separate communication about this. The only significant change is that lessons will now be taking place at Life Leisure Grand Central rather than Cheadle. Games will be on now be on Wednesday rather than Friday afternoons.

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.