

Dear Parents/carers,

I hope you have had a good summer and stayed safe and well. We are very much looking forward to having everyone back in school.

We are very excited about the learning for this term. During the first two weeks we will be completing activities around the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers, which will give the children the opportunity to reflect on their thoughts and feelings about recent events, as well re-connecting with each other and re-engaging in school life. Our topic for the Autumn Term is Ancient Greece with the big question being: Why did Ancient Greeks create Art? Children will be exploring about what life was like during these times.

In English, we will be writing a non-chronological report about life in Ancient Greece and composing one of our own Greek Myths. During Guided Reading we are reading 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo and working on a range of comprehension skills, including retrieval of information, understanding of vocabulary, inferring and predicating.

For Maths, we are learning about numbers and their place value for three-digit and four-digit numbers. We will then move onto addition and subtraction. There will be a big focus on times tables as the Year 4 children will be expected to know all multiplication facts up to 12x12 by the end of the year.

Our Science unit of work is Living Things and their Habitats. The children will have more opportunities to find food chains and webs in our local habitat. They will also be able to explore the different ways living things can be classified and the impact human activity has on the environment.

In RE this term, we will be learning about Hinduism and answering a range of Big Questions, for example, how are deities and key figures described in Hindu stories? Children will be given opportunities to reflect on their own experiences of life and religion.

The children will complete Art activities linked to our topic on Ancient Greece. They will study Greek pottery before designing and making their own Greek pots.

In PE the children will take part in a range of fitness challenges to test, monitor and record their data. They will learn to understand different components of fitness; speed, stamina, strength, coordination, balance and agility. PE will take place every THURSDAY afternoon. Your child is expected to wear their PE kit to school on these days to reduce the need for changing clothes and shoes

During Computing children will develop their digital video skills, creating book trailers to promote their chosen books. Children will frame and film their shots before learning how to edit their films, adding effects such as transitions, music, voice and text.

I hope this information has been useful, but once again, please do not hesitate to contact us if you are not sure about anything at all. We will also make sure we update you with any changes.

Kind regards,

Miss Moylan