



Autumn 1 - Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive. Above all clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body." (*Colossians 3: 12-15*)

Dear Parents,

We welcome the children back after a restful summer's break. We are all very eager and excited to learn lots of new things this year and we can't wait to get stuck in!

Religion:

To start off our new school year, we will be discussing our own family tree in Religious Education lessons. We will be exploring how God is the loving parent of the human family and how Jesus was born and lived in a human family. We will discuss how all families are different and remind ourselves of how our school and wider community are also a part of God's family.



Our cross curricular topic is based on The Greeks.

English:

Our Greek studies will not just be limited to our foundation subject studies, our **English** will be based around the texts by authors Marcia Williams and Geraldine McCaughrean. The books that we will be reading bring myths and magic back to life! Good and evil battle bitterly for dominion over the Earth in these epic tales of magic, murder, heroism and war, retold by a leading voice in children's fiction. What are the hallmarks of a true hero? What happens when you anger the gods? And how do these magical beings meddle in the lives of men? Stories from Ancient Greece, Norse legends, Inuit stories and many other cultures come together in this ultimate collection of legends, brimming with great victories, narrow escapes and tragic defeats.



Maths: As part of our continuation in using a concrete, pictorial and abstract approach, we will extend knowledge of place value to include the thousands. Using this, we will then begin to look at formal methods of addition and subtraction. In addition to this, we will continue to practice our times tables in preparation for our times tables test towards the end of the academic year.



Topic:

In **History** and **Geography** we will be learning all about Greek life, modern and ancient and uncovering the influence the Greeks have had on the western world. We will learn about the physical and human geography of Greece and how that impacts the lives of those living there. We will also design and create our own plate of traditional Greek food.

Science:

This term, we will be learning about the human body, with a focus on the digestive system, teeth, and food chains. We will explore how food travels through the body, how it is broken down, and how nutrients and water are absorbed. Children will also learn about the different types of human teeth and their functions. In addition, we will look at food chains and understand the roles of producers, predators, and prey in nature. This topic helps children understand how the body works and how animals, including humans, are connected in the natural world.

Computing: We will be learning all about the internet as a network of networks. We will learn that the World Wide Web is part of the internet, and will be supported to explore the World Wide Web for ourselves in order to learn about who owns content and what we can access, add, and create. Finally, we will evaluate online content to decide how honest, accurate, or reliable it is, and understand the consequences of false information.

Other important notes for the academic year –

Spellings– Spellings will be accessed through your child's Ed Shed login (This can be found at the front of their reading record). Spellings will be set weekly, online, and tested the following week.

Spelling test for Class 9 and 10 will be on a Friday.

Maths homework- The children's 'My Maths' homework will support the work we have been doing in class. This will be set each Friday and is expected to be completed by the following Friday.

**P.E.-**

Class 9 will have PE on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Additionally, Class 9 will be swimming every Thursday from the week commencing Monday 8th September.

Class 10's PE is on Tuesday and Thursday.

We are asking all children to come in to school dressed ready for PE. Expectation is that the children will wear their full school PE kit. Outdoor PE kit can be worn as the weather changes. The children wear their uniform on the day they go swimming and bring their swimming kit to school with them.

We hope that your children have an exciting and enjoyable time this half term and that they are filled with enthusiasm for their learning. We are looking forward to seeing the children grow, develop and progress in their learning.

Yours sincerely,

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