

**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!



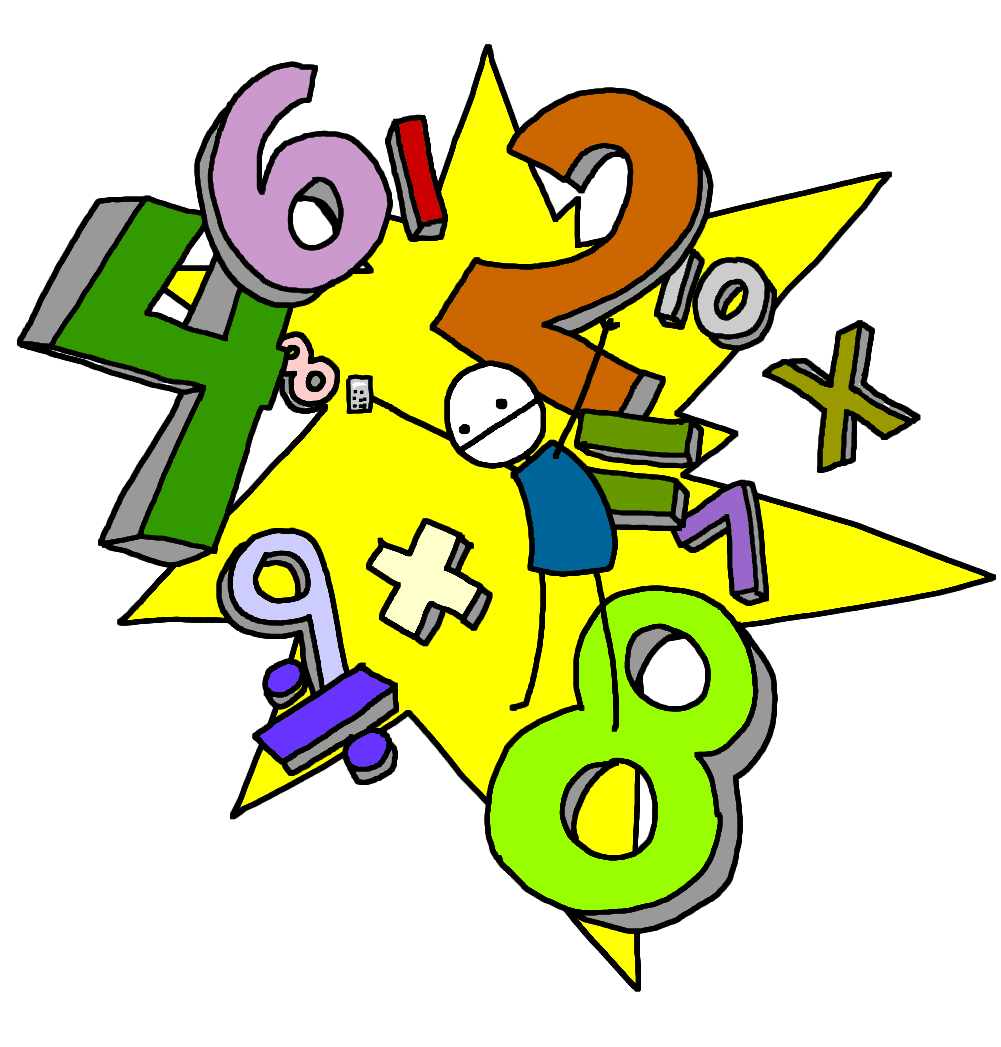
**Religion:**

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:** [](http://greece.mrdonn.org/index.html)

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. We will take inspiration from Horowitz to write our own spellbinding myths and legends.

**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** we will be learning all about Greek life, modern and ancient and uncovering the influence the Greeks have had on the western world.

**Science:**

We will be describing the simple functions of the digestive system in humans and identifying the different types of teeth in humans. We will construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

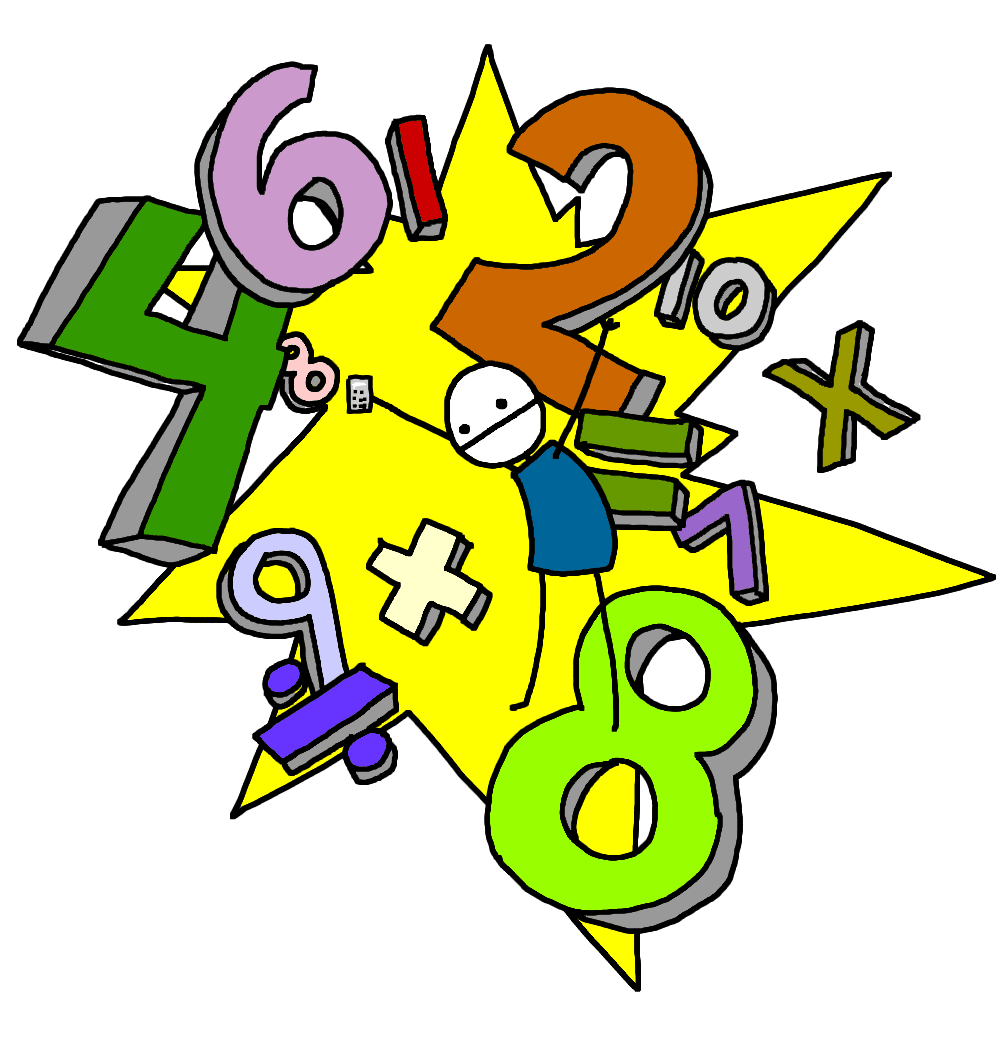
**Other important notes for the academic year –**

**Reading Champions-** How well did your child do last year? How far did they get? Now they have the opportunity to better their achievements! Remember, your child should try to read EVERY night and have their diary signed EVERY time they read. Staff have even challenged themselves to read even more this year, too! Good luck to everyone and let’s get reading!

**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 will be on a Monday.

Spelling test for Class 10 will be on a Monday.

**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 10’s PE is on Monday and Thursday.

Class 9 will have PE on Monday. Additionally, Class 9 will be swimming every Thursday from the week commencing Monday 11th September. A letter about this will be sent out in due time.

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,

**Mr Cunningham and Mr Callaghan**

**Year 4 Teachers**