

Maths:

In maths lessons, the children will be identifying, representing, comparing and estimating numbers using different representations. They will find 10, 100 or 1000 more or less than a given number, and recognise the place value of each digit in a three or four-digit number (thousands, hundreds, tens, ones). In addition, they will learn the system of Roman numerals and about the use of negative numbers. Mental addition and subtraction skills will be taught alongside formal written methods. These skills will be applied in context to solve a range of problems.

English:

Children will become more familiar with the features of fiction and non-fiction texts this term; they will use examples to create their own texts using paragraphs, sub-heading and 'person' consistently. Specific grammar skills will include: identifying and using word classes, fronted adverbials, noun phrases, sentence structure, apostrophes and tense.

Spellings will focus on: use of prefixes and suffixes, homophones and common phonemes.

Art and Design

Children will begin by creating their own Greek theatre masks and decorating them to suit different emotions or characters. These masks will be used later in the term for a dramatic piece on Greek theatre. They will study Greek architecture and work out how to build their own Pillars and temples. Statues were very popular and Fox will have a go at designing and making their own.

Music:

The children will be working on making music relating to our topic this term. Ancient music will be used to inspire the children to create musical representations of Ancient Greek legends and to draw graphic scores.

The Amazing Ancient Greeks

Year 4 - Term 1

**Science -**

Through practical activities, children will learn to: Identify sounds and discover how they are made. They will try to recreate sounds by making their own musical instruments. Using technology, they will gain an understanding of how to measure and describe different sounds using scientific vocabulary. Through a wide range of practical activities, the Class will learn how to write up a scientific investigation using formal language.

Modern Foreign Languages:

Children will revise basic French vocabulary and then focus on words and phrases related to school.

P.E - Year 4 children will be having swimming lessons this term. Fox 4 will practise a variety of games skills. These will include sending and receiving balls together with attack and defence skills.

PSHE:

To start the new school year, children will devise a class charter to support behaviour and learning throughout the year. They will be looking at democracy and gain an understanding of how and why laws are made. We will be looking at how to understand how their actions have consequences and how kind actions can be rewarding.

History and Geography:

Children will have the opportunity to research, using ICT and other sources.

In History they will study Ancient Greece, look at Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world.

In Geography they will locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities. Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied.

R.E:

This term RE teaching focusses on Christian values linked to our school values. Children will have the opportunity to discuss these values and give their own opinions. They will discuss how these values are shown in Bible stories and how they could be applied in their own lives. They will explore the links within Christianity and the other main religions of the world.

Computing:

Children will be taught to: Understand the importance of keeping safe on the internet Describe different parts of the Internet. Use a search engine to find appropriate information and check its reliability Evaluate different types of information found on the World Wide Web Select an appropriate online or offline tool to create and share ideas. Use text, photo, sound and video editing tools to refine work Use keyboard commands to amend text

Fox Newsletter Term 1

Fox Team - Miss Armstrong and Miss Tolley.

Welcome back after the summer holiday. This newsletter is written to give you some key information so you can support your child's studies in the coming term.

Key Skills: It is very important that all children can recall key facts such as times tables, number bonds and telling the time using analogue and digital clocks. (This will be a key focus of homework tasks.)

Reading: Reading is very important to all areas of our wide curriculum and we will be working on sustained reading and analytical skills such as summarising and inference to help improve comprehension skills. All of these if possible should be encouraged and practised at home.

Home Reading: At least 15 minutes daily reading is expected from all year 3/4 children. Children should be reading a range of good quality texts including fiction and non-fiction. Please support your child by reading with them, talking about what they are reading and completing their Home Reading Record. This should be handed in daily for monitoring. House points will be awarded for evidence of consistent reading at home

Homework Maths, English and spellings will be given out on a **Friday** and must be returned by **Thursday** of the following week. There may be additional pieces of topic homework for children to complete and details of these will be provided where necessary. The children can decorate their homework book with stickers and drawings. Please ensure that this decoration is suitable for school. We ask that you support your child with their homework as it extends their learning in the classroom: any problems should be discussed with your child's class teacher.

P.E kits: We expect all children to have their PE kit in school during the week. PE is on a Thursday morning and Year 4 have swimming on Wednesday afternoons.

P.E. kit: A T-Shirt matching their House Colour. (Red, Green, Blue or Yellow)
Blue P.E shorts
Trainers for all activities (Plimsoles are no longer suitable for indoor PE)
Navy blue sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms

Attendance - We would like to remind you all of the importance of regular attendance at school for your children. Our school aim remains 96% attendance. 5 house points are awarded to every child who is in all week and 20 points for every day in one term. If we have the highest for a term we get an extra surprise that the children can choose!

Topic news - Our topic this term is called **Amazing Ancient Greeks**. We will be looking at all aspects of Ancient Greek life including, Greek Theatre, Art and the world of the gods. We will study the stories of ancient Heroes and even write some of our own.