

What did the Ancient Greeks do for us?

Year 4 Newsletter – Summer 1st half.



Welcome back ☺ I hope you all had a lovely half term we were lucky with the weather! I hope that you have managed to have lots of fun!

This term ...

This half term we begin a new topic all about Ancient Greece, we will be learning all about the Ancient Greeks their way of life, their inventions and considering their impact and legacy on our lives today.

This half term in design and technology, we will be combining our science learning to a design project, which uses circuits.

In ICT, we will be developing our knowledge of scratch.

Our science topic is 'What does an electrical circuit need?' We will be completing lots of experimental work, creating, testing simple circuits, and learning all about electricity.

PE this half term will focus on hockey, Mr Palmer will lead our PE sessions.

Lockers – we now have lockers ☺ Please can coats and bags be placed in the locker each day.

As the weather gets warmer please ensure your child brings a refillable water bottle filled with water only please so they can stay hydrated throughout the day. We cannot currently use the water fountains.

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or wish to discuss anything with me. The dojo account is a brilliant tool to send messages, so please feel free to use it to send messages into school.

Useful websites:

www.sumdog.com

www.classdojo.com

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

How you can help

MATHS This half term we will be continuing to learn about fractions before moving onto decimals. We will then be learning about shape and returning to some of the arithmetic methods taught earlier this year. TT Rock stars which will be happening daily, this will help the children to rapidly recall their times table and division facts. The children will have a daily times table test in Year 4 please help them to practice the times table they are working on.

ENGLISH This half term our reading text has an Ancient Greek theme. It is called 'Leo and the Gorgon's curse' it is a lovely picture book featuring many mythical creatures. We will be using the book to develop our reading and writing skills through the book. The children will also have handwriting and spelling and grammar lessons throughout the week.

PE. Please ensure children come dressed in their PE kit on PE days are the same as last term. This term PE day will be on **Wednesdays and Friday**. If your child cannot take part, please send a note or dojo message.

HOMEWORK –homework will be set weekly on Monday (once all children return) and needs to be returned the following Monday. They will each receive a piece of English and Maths homework. Some children may choose to use lunchtimes throughout the week to complete this in school. Please make sure your books are brought in on time as we mark together.

HOME READING BOOKS/FREE READERS –Please return your books when you have read them, we will aim to change them as soon as we can. For the time being we will not be using reading records so please notify us on dojo if you want to let us know anything about their reading or the books. **Please aim to read at home at least 4 times per week.**

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