

English

Our main focus this half term is writing linked to our topic on ancient Greece and Greek Myths. We will be using drama to inspire our writing as well as the book: 'Greek Myths' retold and illustrated by Marcia Williams. We will write in a variety of styles and work on making our writing more interesting by focusing on the types of sentences we use as well as our vocabulary choices. Spelling will also be taught and practised regularly by focusing on patterns and rules, and recognising those that we just have to learn! Handwriting and presentation will also be key areas that we work on.

Topic

This half-term's topic is 'Ancient Greece'. We will be learning about Greek life, achievements and the influence of Ancient Greece on the western world. We will be studying the legacy of Ancient Greece through: concepts like democracy, philosophy and maths; architecture; the alphabet and language; beliefs; the Olympics. Alongside this we will look at the everyday lives of the Ancient Greeks and key events during this period.

Other subjects: We will also be learning: **French**; basic programming skills in **Computing**; and about ourselves and our identity in **PSHE**.

How you can help your child:

Reading together: Please listen to your child read as often as possible and discuss with them what has been read. **THREE** entries in their Reading Record **MUST** be completed each week.

Online: Every child has a *Reading Eggs* account, access to *Numeracy Workout* (username: crowcroft; password: share) and a Times Tables Rockstars account. These should be used regularly.

Homework will consist of topic-based projects, given pages from the children's maths homework book, spellings and Reading Records.

Spellings must be practiced at home every week as the children will be tested on them weekly. Please make sure your child has an understanding of the meaning of these words and is able to use them in sentences too.

Reading day: Children **must** arrive at **8:50am** on their reading day.

PE days: Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child has their **FULL PE kit** (including a white t-shirt and black leggings or shorts) in school for these days.

Maths

This half term we will be working on **place value**, especially focusing on larger numbers, as well as reading and writing **Roman Numerals** with confidence. **Written and mental methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division** will be practised and put into context through problem solving opportunities. We will also be working on **statistics**.

Times tables up to 12 x 12 need to be learnt at home, if not already known.

If you have any questions about the methods we use or how best to support your child in maths, please come and see me or send me an email. I'm always happy to help!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely summer break. The children are already making a good start to the term and I am really looking forward to working with them this year and assisting them in achieving their full potential.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me at the end of the day to arrange an appointment. Alternatively you can contact me via email at:

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Kind regards, Miss Ridgway.