

Rushey Green Primary School

Welcome to the Summer term. We hope you had a restful break. The children have shown great resilience and eager to learn this year so far and we are excited to see what they can achieve this term.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to discuss this with a member of the team.

Thank you,
The Year 4 Team

This term our History topic is the Ancient Greeks

Our Big question is: What influence did the ancient Greeks have on the modern world?

In English this half term, we will be learning about Greek Mythology and Homer's *Odyssey*. We will read about Odysseus' adventures, take part in drama activities, plan and write our own Greek myths and write in role as the characters from our core book 'The Adventures of Odysseus.'

In Maths this half term we will be learning about decimals, money and time. Decimal notation is rooted in place value. The children would be expected to review their place value knowledge in order to make it easier for them to access decimals. We will be looking at money as a practical means of buying and selling. We will also be learning about analogue, digital and the 24 hour clock.

In Science we will be looking at Habitats. We will be learning to classify and identify different types of animals, focusing on those that are in our school environment. We be learning about their different characteristics and making comparisons between them. We will also be learning about the different types of trees and plants that are vital to creating a positive environment for living things.

In History. We will be learning about the Ancient Greeks. We will be exploring the different events of the time period and the key figures. We will be comparing the lives of the past to the present. We be continuing to look at the influences of the Ancient Greeks on modern life.

In R.E we will be exploring Sikhism. We be exploring the different Gurus and identifying where and how they worshipped.

In DT we will be learning to create pop up books.

PE, this term, will be continuing to develop our gross motor skills.

Start and End times to the day

The school day starts at 8.45 am. This allows for a 15-minute registration time so that lessons can begin promptly at 9.00 am. It is extremely important that your child attends school on time and **every day**. Children arriving late can be unsettling not just for your child, but the entire class.

In addition, it is important that you collect your child on time (3.15 pm) as this ensures the staff have time to prepare the class and resources for the next day.

Water bottles

Please ensure you send your child to school everyday with a named reusable water bottle, not the single use plastic ones. These bottles must only contain water, no juice or fizzy drinks please. Children will not have access to water fountains during this current time.



Homework

The children are given spellings on a weekly basis to learn, this can be accessed on Purple Mash. Please encourage your child to practise these spellings, understand the meaning of the words and practise using them in sentences.

Your child should be reading everyday and should be reading a combination of fiction and non-fiction.

For Maths the children have access to Purple Mash and Times-table Rockstar. It is expected that they continue to practise their times tables regularly.

Homework is set every Thursday. Spelling test will be the following Thursday.

Thank you in advance for all your support with your child's learning.

PE

Children are allowed to come in in their PE kits on Tuesdays. Please make sure this is inline with the school's uniform policy. It should be either black or green shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings with a white t shirt.

