

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 1st Term 2018

We would like to welcome you all back to what will be an exciting term with brand new curriculum content. This term in our topic work – It's All Greek to Me - we will be learning about the Greeks through most subjects. This topic offers a fascinating insight into how an ancient civilisation was organised. In science, we will be learning about the human digestive system, teeth (animal and human) and food chains. We will be holding a Greek day when a visitor will come in and introduce the children to Ancient Greek activities; if they could dress in the style of an Ancient Greek this would be fantastic. The date of this is to be the 18th October; approx. cost £3.00 per child.

We have secured a booking for a two-night, three day residential at Longridge starting on 3rd April and finishing at lunch time on 5th April, in time for the Easter Holidays.

19th September - Welcome Afternoon 3:30 – 4:15

26th September – School Photos

28th September - 4C Assembly 2:45

3rd October – SEND Day

4th October – Drop 'n' Stop 08:55 – 11:00

5th October - 4S Assembly 2:45

16th October – Parents Evening 3:30-6:00

17th October – Parents Evening 3:30 – 6:00

19th October – Harvest Assembly

Tbc October – Greek Day

22nd-26th October – Half Term

29th October – INSET

14th November - Drop 'n' Stop 08:55 – 11:00

6th December – Book Look

19th December – School closes at 1pm for Christmas

2nd January – INSET

ENGLISH

This term our lessons will link closely to our main topic. The main books that we will be studying are The Adventures of Odysseus, Greek myths and Kensuke's Kingdom. We will also be reading a wide range of other texts as part of our learning.

Spellings will be taught weekly and we will be encouraging their correct use within writing tasks. Please support this by helping your child learn their spellings and understands how to use the words in sentences. We will build on the writing skills learned last year and are looking forward to reading the writing the children will be undertaking related to the books that we will study.

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MATHS

This term we will be focusing on number particularly addition, subtraction, multiplication, division; starting with place value. We will focus on learning the times tables at increasing speed; everyone will start with the 2 times table as revision and progress at their own pace.

It is important that children practise their skills regularly to ensure a secure understanding of all four operations in a range of real life situations to support problem solving. Any activities such as shopping, measuring, budgeting, etc. that you can do at home with your child will benefit them immensely.

Every child will have the opportunity to use RM Maths weekly in school and can also access this, and My Maths from home.

www.mymaths.co.uk

www.rmeasimaths.co.uk

Each child has their own personal login for My Maths and RM Easi-Maths.

Homework – is set on a Thursday each week and should be returned on a Monday. Some homework will be set to enable deeper learning in lessons, so it is vital that this is completed.

Reading – this should be recorded daily, activities carried out and reading diaries handed in weekly on a Monday.

Spellings – words will be given out and need to be learned to use in spelling work each week on a Monday.

Maths – Relevant to weekly learning.

English / Topic – a task will be set to reinforce current learning.

Please remember PE kits for Thursday – both classes; 4S on a Tuesday/Wednesday morning and 4C on a Friday morning. Please ensure **all** school uniform and PE / Games kit are labelled with your child's name, to ensure if it is lost it can be easily returned. Please also label all equipment in your child's pencil case, their coat and their school bag.

If anyone can offer time to hear readers or assist in any other lessons, we would love to hear from you. The time you give is invaluable to the children and makes a real difference.

Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform to school.

The correct uniform consists of:

Black school shoes, not black trainers or boots

White or grey socks

Grey school trousers/ grey, knee-length skirt or pinafore dress;

White shirt / blouse and Carrington school tie

Royal blue school sweatshirt/school cardigan; plain grey - Carrington polar fleece (optional).

Please remember that earrings are not part of our uniform.