



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Reading

This term we will be focusing on developing our reading strategies to support when justifying our answers with evidence by applying the A.P.E. - Answer it, Prove it, Explain it strategy effectively. This links to our VIPER – Inference as you are providing evidence from the text to support your thought process.

VIPER Character Focus



Class Reader

Who let the God's out?

Author Focus

Enid Blyton

How you can support at home?

Please listen to your children read regularly. Discuss the meanings of sophisticated language you come across in the text. Ask your child to read around the text to clarify the meaning of unfamiliar words.

Writing

To begin the new term, the children's new topic will be 'Into the Labyrinth.' Our writing will be centred around the topic and we will begin by writing a persuasive travel brochure, using our vocabulary to lure holiday makers to Greece. The topic will also help us learn about ancient myths and stories including Theseus and the Minotaur and the Battle of Troy where we will ask the children to produce their own narrative of the story.



We will also be covering diary entries imagining life as an Ancient Greek child as well as writing a poetry piece about Pandora's Box.

Throughout the term, Year 4 will be developing their grammar, punctuation and spelling skills. Vocabulary will be a key focus of every lesson and the children will be discussing words in context, including subject specific terminology that can enhance their writing.

Mathematics

To begin this term, the children will be developing their knowledge of the times tables focussing upon 11s and 12s.

Knowing multiplication tables by heart will speed up your child's calculations and help them to prepare for their forthcoming Year 4 times table test. If your child has access to the internet at home, they can practice their tables using

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>.

Also, during the Spring term the children will develop their skills of multiplying up to 3-digits before moving onto dividing by up 3-digits. Later on in the term, the children will work with whole numbers, fractions and decimals.



Vocabulary

Difference, Sum, Product, Multiple, Multiply, Lots of, Divide, Share, Decimal, Fraction, Percentage, Greater than, Less than, decimal place, whole number.



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Creative Curriculum

Our topic this term is 'Into the Labyrinth' where we will be looking in detail at the history and culture of Ancient Greece. The children will explore the physical Geography of Greece including its climate and landscape. They will also write a persuasive travel brochure using their geographical knowledge of Greece and the topic knowledge they have acquired.

In History, the children will secure their knowledge of Greek history by producing a chronological report and by researching the lives of the Athenians and Spartans, delving deeper in to their daily lives. They will also cover in depth the Greek Gods and the roles they played, the culture they created and the legacy they left.

In Design and Technology, the children will explore the Greek art of pottery and we will create a Greek vase depicting the Olympics that will be covered within our history lessons.



Vocabulary

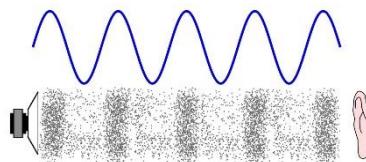
Zeus, Poseidon, Hades, Theseus, Minotaur, Hera, Athens, Sparta, pottery, vase, atlas, map, climate, landscape, area, landmark, chronological

Science

This half term, the children will be investigating Electricity and Sound.

During our electricity topic, the children will identify common appliances that run on electricity. They will construct a series of simple electrical circuits, identifying and naming basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. They will also recognise some common conductors and insulators and will associate metals with being good conductors.

During our sound topic, the children will identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating. They will recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear. Then the children will find patterns between the pitch of a sound and the features of the object that produced it.



Vocabulary

Electricity: Amplitude, Decibel, Electricity, Energy, Frequency, Medium, Pitch, Sound Waves, Source, Travel, Vibrations, Volume.

Sound: Battery, Bulb, Buzzer, Cell, Circuit Conductor, Current, Switch

Enrichment

- Greek Day (Date TBC).
- Mindfulness workshops delivered by Reverend Tracy ((linked to our RE topic)).
- Bible Stories delivered by Reverend Angela (linked to our RE topic).

Important Dates

- PE is on a Friday afternoon.