



Year 4 Summer Term Letter



Welcome back! I hope you have all had a great Easter and that you are ready for the start of an enjoyable new term. Over the coming term, we will be covering a range of topics, many focusing around our topic work on Ancient Greece.

Literacy

'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' - We will be looking at poetry, newspaper articles, character descriptions and changing the story.

'Beowulf' - The text types we will look at are narratives and formal letters. We will be creating a class book of our own Greek myths and legends.

Myths and Legends - We will be studying narrative poetry based on myths and legends. We will be focusing on structure, rhyme, rhythm and pattern.

Numeracy

Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions and decimals.

Science - **Sound and Living Things and their Habitats.** We will be having a trip to the Great North Museum linked to this topic.

Topic (Geography/History) - **Ancient Greece** - How do we know so much about Ancient Greece? What was everyday life like in Ancient Greece? Was Greece split into different city states? How did Athens and Sparta differ? Why was Athens able to be so strong at the time? What was so special about life in Athens that makes us study it? What can we tell about the Ancient Greeks from their interests in theatre and festivals such as the Olympics? In what ways have the Ancient Greeks influenced our lives today?

RE - Kingdom of God - When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost? People of God - What is it like to follow God?

Art/DT - Making a working torch and creating a moving parts picture book.

PE - Tennis, athletics, OAA (outdoor and adventurous), tag rugby and kwik cricket. All children should come to school in their PE kit for lessons on Mondays and Thursdays.

Music - Global pentatonic, the horse in motion and favourite song.

PSHE - Diversity, making choices, basic first aid, our school community, moving house, body parts, changes during puberty, feelings and being together.

Computing - Animation, internet research and video editing.

Homework - Spelling words are handed out at the beginning of the half term to be tested every Friday. Assignments are also set on Spelling Shed linked to the spelling words for the week. Also, it is important that times tables continued to be practised at home.

Reading - Reading at home is also crucial to help children build on the skills they are learning at school. In Year 4, we have a reading challenge set to encourage children to read frequently. For every three times children read at home they are rewarded with a house point.

I am looking forward to the term ahead with Year 4. We will be doing lots of exciting lessons in all areas of the curriculum. Please feel free to come and ask me any questions or discuss any concerns you may have.

Lots of exciting events are happening this term. Please keep checking the newsletter every Friday to see any updates of what is coming up.

Mrs McIntosh