



Class 4 Newsletter

Spring Term - 16/03/2018



This Week

Our **Theme** for this half term is the '**A Greek Odyssey**'. In **English**, we have begun to explore the genre of historical fiction. We are using the source text of Homer's Odyssey and his account of the Trojan Horse. We are dissecting it this week so we have a good understanding of how history and fiction intertwine. In **Maths**, our focus is still to do with shape, space and measure, but it has shifted from calculating the area (space inside) a shape to the perimeter (space around the edge). We also had a fantastic Maths morning on Wednesday. We explored pentominoes with Mrs Bolton, worked out how much it would cost to buy some tablecloths with me and went on a Maths treasure hunt with Miss Morris. We all had a lot of fun. In **Science**, we continued to follow the development of Mrs Smith's pregnancy and added new measurements to our graphs. We also focussed on accurate measuring of our height and middle finger to explore if there was a connection between the two. We then created a scatter graph depicting our results. In **RE**, the Year 5 children have continued in their Bible Exploration with James B. The Year 4's began to explore Judas' role in the Easter story and why he would want to betray Jesus. Some of our responses were very thoughtful and creative. In **History**, we explored how two Ancient Greek cities were governed. We also participated in a debate in the style of an Athenian democracy (the foundations for modern British democracy). In **PE**, we applied all our gymnastics skills in our final week of our programme. The Year 5s applied their passing and moving skills and the Year 4 children went **swimming**. In **Computing**, we continued coding our games full of variables.

Next Week...

English: Re-writing our versions of the Trojan Horse

Maths: Perimeter and coordinates

Science: Development of children (aged 8-10)

RE: Bible Explorer and exploring Judas' role in the Easter story

History: What impact has Ancient Greece had on the modern world?

Social Media

A gentle reminder that it is illegal for children aged 8-10 to be using social media (whatever the platform). In case you are unsure, the following apps all have the **minimum legal age of 13+**:

Facebook & Messenger, Instagram, Snapchat, Youtube, Twitter, Whatsapp & Pinterest.

I would encourage to check your child's devices to ensure they are not using any apps they shouldn't.

Lent Appeal For our Lent appeal this year, we are supporting the Solar Suitcase project.

This project was chosen by our Ethos Group and our Extra Milers. A letter was sent home earlier this week on their behalf, I hope you received it. We would really appreciate some toy and game donations. These need to be in good working condition and with all parts included (if applicable). In order to raise money to support this, we are holding a toy and game sale on **Tuesday 20th March** at **2pm**. Children can bring a maximum of £3 to spend but parents are also welcome to attend the sale and buy toys and games **after** the children have all had the opportunity to buy something.

Important Dates

Wed 7th Mar: Open Door from 3:15-4:00pm

Tue 20th Mar: Toy and Game sale at 2pm to raise money for the Solar Suitcase

Wed 21st Mar: Parents' Evening from 3:30-5pm and 6pm-7pm (sign-up sheets available now)

Thur 22nd Mar: Homework project due in

Fri 23rd Mar: Swimming for Y4 children

Mon 26th Mar: Easter Activity Day (Parent helpers welcome - please contact school)

Tue 27th Mar: Easter Around the World Celebration at 9:30am

Tue 27th Mar: Easter Egg and Bonnet competition

Stars of the Week

The **Christian Value** certificate for the value of **TRUST** goes to **Emilee Brooke** for her trustworthy character.

The **Curriculum** certificate goes to **Lilly-Mae Whalley** for her attitude and effort when carrying out the Body Coach Schools Fitness Workouts.

Star Writer: Natasha Ramsay

Outstanding Behaviour

The children this week that have modelled outstanding behaviour 3 or more times are:

Dylan, Cayden, Keinan, Logan, Libby P, Natasha, Daniel, Connor

Emilee, Theo, Rubie, Owen, Freya, Oliver, Natalia, Emily H, Russell, Emily K, Alex, Kaitlyn, Max, Harrison, Jessica, Alfie, Shane, Jorja, Jasmine, Lilly-Mae

Homework

This half term project lets you explore a feature of the Ancient Greek civilization on your own. You can use websites and library books to help you! **It should ALL be your own work!** (Do not copy and paste!) Each week there is a new task for you to complete (like Heracles) to help spread the project out.

The project should be handed in on Thursday 22nd March.

Week Five (w/b 19th March)

Practise your speech at home ready to share with the class in your presentation.

Extra Mile

Create a wordsearch or crossword for English words that use the Greek language.

mono- / geo- / -logue / -meter / -chron- etc.

As always, you can talk to me about your child's progress. My Open Door is on Wednesday from 3:15-4:00pm.

Mr Bateman