



Class 4 Newsletter

Spring Term - 23/02/2018



This Week

Our **Theme** for this half term is '**A Greek Odyssey**'. This meant, in **English**, we have been able to get our teeth stuck into the genre of 'Myths'. We have looked at three Greek myths to understand the genre and honed in on 'The Twelve Tasks of Heracles'. We have a good understanding of the plot and we are loving getting to grips with the vocabulary. In **Maths**, we have begun our half term looking at decimal numbers; ordering them, then multiplying and dividing them by 'power of 10' (10, 100 etc.) This will set us up for our measurement work next week, converting between metric units of measure. In **Science**, in our focus on 'Animals including Humans', we looked at how the human body develops over time. We identified the major changes that occur once a human is born all the way through to old age. In **RE**, the Year 5 children have started a Bible Explorer course with our friend James B. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the Bible in different ways. The Year 4's began thinking about what trust is, as we seek to reflect on the Easter story as a story of betrayal and trust. In **Geography & History**, we located the country of Modern Greece and Ancient Greece. We compared the two using a variety of maps and atlases. This is so that, when we explore the Ancient Greek civilization further in History, we have a good grasp of its location in the world. In **Art**, we concluded our print work of Rousseau's 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm'. In **PE**, the Year 4 children went **swimming**.

Next Week...

English: Creation of our own version of Heracles
Maths: Measurement & units of measure
Science: The gestation period of different animals
RE: Bible Explorer and thinking about trust and betrayal
History: How was Greece governed?

Attendance

As yet, our class hasn't won the honour of being the class with the highest attendance. Let's make this half term the half term that it happens!

If you arrive to school late after the register closes at 9:05am then that is marked down as an unauthorised absence.

If your child is attending school but you may be late, please contact the office.

Important Dates

Mon 26th Feb: Gymnastics club 3:30-4:30
 Wed 7th Feb: Dance Club for Y3-6 3:30-4:30
 Wed 28th Feb: Open Door from 3:15-4:00
 Thursday 1st March - Reading Workshop - all parents welcome @6pm
Fri 2nd Mar: Swimming for Y4 children
 Wed 7th Mar: KS2 PTA Mother's Day Afternoon Tea (Y3&4 - 2:00-2:30pm / Y5&6 - 2:30-3:00pm)
 Thur 8th Mar: Sing Together Concert at King George's Hall, Blackburn

Wed 21st Mar: Parents Evening

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

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

Stars of the Week

The **Christian Value** certificate for the value of **JUSTICE** goes to **Jaidon Vickers** for having a good understanding of what is right and wrong and showing progress in seeking an adult out to solve disputes.

The **Curriculum** certificate goes to **Harrison Price** for some super Scientific enquiry when thinking about human development.

Outstanding Behaviour

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

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

Emilee, Rubie, Owen, Freya, Oliver, Emily H, Russell, Emily K, Alex, Kaitlyn, Max, Jessica, 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.

Presentations will take place on 23rd, 26th and 27th March.

There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes as well as some projects being marked highly commended.

Projects will be judged on effort, presentation, content and consistency.

You can choose your own topic, but here are some suggestions: **Gods and goddesses, Ancient Greek wars, The Olympiad, Ancient Greek myths, Ancient Greek architecture, Ancient Greek philosophy**

Week One (w/b 20th February)

Choose a topic related to the Ancient Greeks. Design a front cover on A4 paper. Remember to include your name, title, some pictures/diagrams and words relating to the topic.

Week Two (w/b 26th February)

Create a fact file about your chosen topic on A4 paper. You need to include at least ten facts. Use a variety of presentation features (text boxes, bullet points, did you know? etc.) Remember it must be your own words, not just copied and pasted from your source.

Draw a picture/diagram related to your topic on A4 paper. You will need to include labels and other information.

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