



# Class 4 Newsletter

## Spring Term - 09/03/2018



### This Week

A big 'thank you' to all those children who attended the Sing Together concert last night. The children sang brilliantly and obviously enjoyed themselves. They were a real credit to our school.

Our **Theme** for this half term is '**A Greek Odyssey**'. In **English**, we have concluded our myth writing topic by composing our own versions of Heracles. Our versions have included some of our grammar foci as well as some of the weird and wonderful beasts we invented last week. In **Maths**, our focus has been on calculating the area of rectilinear shapes. We have calculated individual areas using known lengths, calculated missing lengths with known area as well as calculating composite area. In **Science**, our focus was on graph drawing, both bar and line. We have explored the gestation periods of humans as well as the growth of fetuses in the womb. We have also created a graph that we will add to each week as Mrs Smith develops through her pregnancy. In **RE**, the Year 5 children have continued in their Bible Exploration with James B. The Year 4's mapped out the main events of the Easter story and then empathised with what individuals might have said and thought. In **History**, we carried out an enquiry into what Greek life was like for children. In **PE**, we improved our passing and movement skills and thought about how we could apply these skills in a game situation; the Year 4 children went **swimming**. In **Computing**, we re-planned our coding to try and ensure our game was within our coding means. In **DT**, we began to sew our own Greek purses based on our designs.

### Next Week...

**English:** Exploring the genre of historical fiction.

**Maths:** Area and perimeter

**Science:** Development of children (aged 8-10)

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

**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 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.

### Behaviour on Social Media

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that it is **illegal** for children aged 8-10 to be using social media (whatever the platform).

That being said, it has been brought to my attention that some children are using social media inappropriately to say things they would not say to people's faces.

I would encourage to check your child's devices to ensure they are not using any apps they shouldn't. In case you are unsure, the following apps all have the **minimum legal age of 13+**:

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

## Important Dates

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Mar: Open Door from 3:15-4:00pm

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Mar: Swimming for Y4 children

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Mar: Y5/6 Borwick presentation at 9:10am (parents invited)

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March @2pm Toys/Games Sale - Our Lent Appeal - raising money to buy a "Solar Suitcase" and "Let Light Shine" where it wouldn't normally be able to due to lack of electricity (children are being asked to donate a toy/game- in good working condition - that will be difficult to give up (sacrificial love - a theme for Easter)

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Mar: Parents' Evening from 3:30-5pm and 6pm-7pm (sign-up sheets available next week)

Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar: Homework project due in

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

Tue 27<sup>th</sup> Mar: Easter Around the World Celebration at 9:30am

## Stars of the Week

The **Christian Value** certificate for the value of **THANKFULNESS** goes to **Lilly-Mae Whalley** for being a very thankful member of Class 4 with wonderful manners.

The **Curriculum** certificate goes to **Russell Kashiri** for having a brilliant week all round, in his subjects in class and outside class too.

**Star Writer:** Russell Kashiri

## 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, Daniel, Connor, Jaidon

Emilee, Rubie, Freya, Oliver, Natalia, Emily H, Russell, Emily K, Kaitlyn, Max, Jessica, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**

### Week Four (w/b 12<sup>th</sup> March)

Write a short speech about your chosen topic (on A4 paper). Include why you chose your topic, and any interesting facts/information you wish to share with the class.

**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*