

Year 4 Newsletter

Summer
Term

Summer Time!

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely break and are full up from all the Easter eggs you received! Our final topic of the year is Ancient Greeks. We will be focusing on the history of Ancient Greece, the Myths and Legends that were believe by the people and some of the battles during this time. As part of this learning, I have booked an activity day called 'It's all Greek to me!' The date of the trip is Monday 11th June 2018 and further information about the day will follow closer to the time. Our Post Learning Project and Design and Technology project will be creating a model of the Trojan Horse. Please, if you have any items or specialist knowledge about these topics or Ancient Greeks as a whole, do not hesitate to get in touch.



Dukeshouse and Mini Activity Week

The second week into term myself and some of the class will be heading on a short residential to Dukeshouse. For those of you who are going, I hope the meeting was helpful and you are excited to starting packing. Please do not forget, if you have any questions do not hesitate to come and see me.

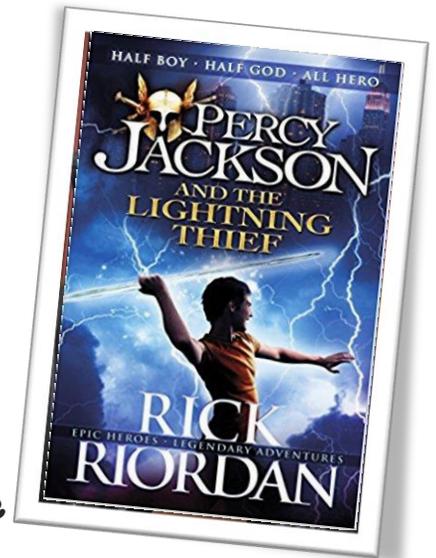
For those who decided not to go, do not worry about your time in school. It will be filled with fun! Mrs Wingfield and Miss Halliday will be remaining at school. Occasionally, you will be helping with the younger children, doing arts and crafts projects and taking part in sport, physical activity and games with other year groups.

Science

Our Science topic is Animals including Humans. Our Post Learning Project for Science is going to be a PowerPoint Presentation on of one the subjects we will be focusing on. Children will have the choice on which subject, as each one is very different. Additionally, as the weather gets warmer (hopefully!), we will be taking full advantage of the beautiful garden we have. Year Four have their very own planting bed and I plan to get them to fill it to the brim with stunning plants and flowers!

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief

The American novel by Rick Riordan is about a little boy who is a Demi-God. His mother is a mortal while his father is a Greek God. He has been accused of stealing the Gods' magical weapons for his father, Poseidon. To clear his name and to help save the Western World from a war, he goes on a quest to find them. On his way, he encounters many Greek mythical monsters that want to kill him while his friend help him get to the Underworld. After the Underworld, they head to Olympus to tell the gods about their travels. Will he manage his quest? Will he meet his father? Will the prophecy the Oracle told him come true?



On Fridays, Spanish will continue every other week. In the weeks in which there is no Spanish, we will focus on Design and Technology. The aim of these lessons are to learn skills or build up a design for a final project. This term we are creating models of the Trojan Horse. During topic lessons, we will learning about what this is and why it was so important. During Design and Technology lessons, we will research previously made models, come up with ideas and designs of our own, build the model and finally, evaluate and change our models for the better as we continue to make them. I think they are going to look epic! If children would like to bring in any materials for their model, I will find a place to store them until we are at the production stage.

Our Special Guest

As some of you may already know, this term we have Miss Halliday joining us in class. Miss Halliday is a student teacher and is currently in the middle of her PGCE at Durham University. As part of this course, she will be completing a ten-week placement in Year 4. She will be teaching Year 4 all the different subjects while I assist. I will remain in class for the majority of the placement and I will still be available to talk to on a daily basis.

Warm Weather Warning! Maybe...

During the summer term, it is especially important for the children to have a water bottle in the classroom. In addition to water bottles, please feel free to send Year 4 with sun hats and sun cream. The sun cream can stay in the classroom and children will be encouraged to put it on during very warm playtimes, lunchtimes and during any outdoor learning.

Can I please ask you to put your child's name on all their clothes (jumpers!) including PE kit and shoes so we can easily identify the owner if they are left behind. Thank you!