

Class 4 Topic Information - Terms 3 and 4 2018

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and I'd like to wish you a happy and blessed new year.

This term, we will be studying Ancient Greece. We will be finding out who the Ancient Greeks were, learning about the formation of a democracy, the origins of the Olympic games, the battle of Marathon, the Trojan war and Greek gods and goddesses. After half term, we will be learning about the geography of modern day Greece.

Art- In art, we will be researching sculptors and famous sculptures. We will look at different methods of sculpting including using clay, newspaper, wire mesh and papier mache.

Design Technology - After half term, our focus will be on cooking. We will find out where food comes from, look at what a healthy diet consists of and try food from around the world before designing and cooking our own Greek meal.

Music - In the first part of the term, the children will be writing lyrics based on their local community, both present and in the past. After half term, we will learn about street performances and look at rhythmical rhyme to create a dance for a performance.

Science - In science, we will be learning about adaptation. We will look at how living things produce offspring that are similar in appearance, but not identical to themselves, whether they are plants or animals. We will look at how animals are able to survive in various surroundings. As part of this topic, we will be taking part in the RSPB's Big School Birdwatch.

After half term, we will learn about famous scientist and inventors and carry out some investigations into their theories.

Computing - During the first half term, the children will be using Scratch to create their own games. After half term, we will be using a variety of software and hardware to become film makers.

PSHE -Our personal, social and health education will be taught through other areas of the curriculum. Our main focus will be on democracy, which will be taught as part of our history topic.

R.E - This term, we will be focusing on the life of Jesus, particularly looking at being set apart for God, understanding how Jesus was tempted, and learning about discipleship. Our focus will end with a study on Easter.

P.E - In P.E this term, the children will be taking part in gymnastics, badminton and tag rugby. Teams will be put together to compete against other local schools, later in the term. The children will also have an opportunity to participate in either curling or goalball. Just a reminder that P.E kits and trainers should be brought into school and left on the children's peg for the whole week, to ensure they have their kit when needed.

French - Children will use geographic, reading and speaking and listening skills to develop their knowledge of French culture. They will be introduced to some French poetry and continue to develop their bank of vocabulary, this term focusing on transport and travel.

English - In English, we will be looking at myths, legends and traditional tales, focussing on Greek myths and creating our own myths. We will also learn about Greek plays and how to write instructions.

Maths - The areas of mathematics being covered this term are:

Problem solving using the 4 operations, multiplying fractions and solving problems involving fractions, converting units of measurement, area, volume and capacity, percentages, percentage problem solving, 3D shapes from 2D representations, reflection and translation, perimeter, estimate, compare, measure and draw angles and to identify unknown angles.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to come in and see me.

Kind Regards

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