

Literacy

As we start the Summer term, we will explore another of the most enduring legends of the world of Ancient Greece in the form of the story of *Perseus and the Gorgon*. Children will focus in upon how authors create suspense by writing their own scary scene.

We will be reflecting on our year-long topic of the Dark Ages, creating a non-chronological report on our favourite aspects of the subject.

Weekly spelling tests will continue to consolidate learning of common words and spelling patterns that are taught in conjunction with handwriting as we develop a fluent and consistent joined script.

Mantle of the Expert Geography / History / Art

We have come to the end of our extended British History topic '*Just how great was Alfred the Great?*' in which children have become experts on the Dark Ages. During Summer 2 our new topic will be '*The Classics: Greece and Rome*' we will focus on the Greek Hellas and the Roman Empire have influenced Europe and the wider world for millennia since their fall and explore what we have learnt from them.

We will learn about the geography of the Mediterranean Sea and surrounding areas and compare them to the UK.

Our Art and DT projects will be based upon lighthouses and in particular *The Lighthouse of Alexandria*.

Multiplication Assessments

Between the **10th – 28th June** in Y4 we will be undertaking some assessments to understand how quickly the children can recall their multiplication facts. To prepare for this, please ensure you are practicing every day at home.

Take a look on our class web page where you can find some useful websites to practice.



Half Term Preview Charlies Year 4

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Dates for your diary

Children return to school
Monday 3rd June

Y4 Ancient Greece Day
Wednesday 12th June

Parents Consultation Evenings
Tuesday 18th June and Thursday 20th June

Summer Fair
Saturday 29th June

The last day of school before the summer break will be Monday 22nd July

Numeracy

During Numeracy lessons this half-term, we will continue to look at data handling, and will have a continued focus on our multiplication facts.

Our weekly *Big Maths...Beat That!* and mental maths sessions will consolidate number facts calculation strategies and help children to learn to work more quickly and accurately.

It is essential that children practise their **Learn Its** at home each week, as the level of maths we are building to will require that knowledge to be embedded.

Science

In our Science topic *Sound*, we will be investigating how sounds are made and how our ears work as well as listening to a variety of different music.

How You Can Help

Our homework will be given out every Friday to be returned by the following Thursday. Please ensure your child completes any work set. You can find all our homework on our class page.



It is also important for all children to continue to read regularly at home. Children all have a **Reading Record**. We would like you to sign this to indicate what they have read each night.

We encourage children to try to read a range of more challenging texts including newspapers and internet based articles. Please reinforce the importance of discussing each book upon completion in order to improve your child's ability to enjoy and evaluate a story.

It is essential that children regularly practice their multiplication tables from 1-12 at home each week, as the level of maths we are building to will require that knowledge to be embedded.

PE is on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. All children are expected to bring appropriate kit to school on these days. For the safety of your child: Earrings and watches, etc must not be worn during PE. Long hair should be tied up.

School uniform will continue be a high priority for us next half-term. We appreciate your continued support with this

Physical Education

On Mondays, we will be exploring Olympic events through **athletics**. On Wednesdays, we will be playing Rounders and Ultimate Frisbee.