

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.

Tying into our ongoing work on sustainability, we'll be looking at expressing information through newspaper reports. Children will focus upon using a range of descriptive verbs and adverbs, precise adjectives and prepositions in expanded noun-phrases and reference to emotions and senses to convey meaning effectively.

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

Our extended British History topic in Y4 is 'Just *how* great was Alfred the Great?' – an exploration of how England and Scotland emerged during the Dark Ages. During the first half of the Summer term, we will focus upon how Athelstan the grandson of Alfred the Great, became the first 'King of the English and Ruler of All Britain'. How did he crush the Viking threat? How did he force the Britons to submit to his rule? Why did the fledgling English Empire crumble after his death?

Over the course of the year, we'll become experts in rivers and bodies of water. This half-term, we will focus on creating artwork based on rivers using different media.

Physical Education

In PE, we will explore how to control the movements of our bodies through both gymnastics and dance.

We are lucky enough to have our dance lessons led by Amy from Dazzle Dance!



Half Term Preview Charlies Year 4

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Dates for your diary

Children return to school
Monday 15th April 2019

Easter Weekend
Friday 19th - Monday 22nd April (inclusive)

May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 6th May 2019

The last day of school before the half-term break will be Friday 24th May 2019.

Numeracy

During Numeracy lessons this half-term, we will explore the geometry of shapes, and we will continue to develop command over number through work on measures.

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 *Electricity*, we will explore how an electrical current flows through a circuit by creating our own.

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 takes place on Monday and Thursday 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.

If asthma inhalators are required, then children need to have one in school and the office should be aware of their medical needs.

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