



Year 4

Spring Term Newsletter



Happy New Year and welcome back to school! We are looking forward to an exciting half term with your children and the exciting learning opportunities that lie ahead.



Let's discover a fantastical world of mythical creatures and heroes! This term, we'll learn about Apollo and the other gods who reign from Mount Olympus and create a 3-D head of our favourite god or goddess. We'll explore the land of Greece, where the sun scorches the wings of Icarus and Helen of Troy inspires the launch of a thousand ships. In PE, we'll take part in athletics and practise synchronised battle movements just like the ancient Greeks. Using historical source materials, we'll research daily life in ancient Greece. We'll write diaries as Daedalus or Icarus and learn about epic battles. In D&T, we'll design wings, just like Daedalus, and make Trojan horses. We'll read Theseus and the Minotaur and create amazing labyrinths, using positional language to guide others around the maze. On maps of Greece, we'll plot the journeys made by ancient Greek characters.

Help your child prepare for their project

Greece is a fascinating country that has a long and colourful history. Why not sample some delicious Greek food such as baklava or tzatziki? You could also research ancient Greek pots and sketch the intricate images painted on them. Alternatively, have fun taking part in a back garden Olympics, seeing who can run the fastest or throw a ball the furthest!

P.E.

P. E. kits need to be in school every day. Bader P.E. uniform is required. This consists of a plain green t-shirt, plain black shorts/joggers and trainers. T-shirts can be purchased from the school office.

Reading Records / Home Learning

We would really encourage your child to be **reading** each night in order to complete their Read for the Stars Challenge. Your child's reading book and record should be brought to school each day to be checked and signed. New **spellings** will be given out on a Monday and will be tested each Monday. Your child has their own **Times Tables** Rockstars login and password details and are expected to practise at home as part of their own learning. We will be tracking this at school. Spellings can also be accessed on Spelling Shed, your child also has log in details for this and should be practising at home on a daily basis. It is important that your child completes home learning in order to keep up with the Y4 curriculum. Optional homework is topic based and is listed above in 'Help your child prepare for their project'.

Thank you for your continued support!

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