

Personal Social Health Citizenship Education

This half term pupils will be given opportunities to explore different types of relationships and families including how we should treat family members and how relationships might change as we grow older. Pupils will develop skills needed for relationships such as listening, supporting and showing care and gratitude.

Music

It's all Greek to me!

This half term the class will be linking their music with their History topic of the Ancient Greeks by learning 3 songs "It's all Greek to me"; "The Olympians" and "Have you heard the story". The class will be focusing on pitch in music and will be identifying melodic shape in music & exploring different scale patterns. The class will be developing their singing, focusing on control and accuracy of pitch, as well as developing their voices for a performance.

Physical Education/Games

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Indoor PE, the children will work on a unit of work in dance that is based on the legend of Theseus and the Minotaur. By the end of the unit they will demonstrate the ability to transfer ideas into movement and work collaboratively to perform complete dances.

Outdoor PE this term focuses on invasion games. Pupils will learn how to develop the range and consistency of their skills in the games played and understand and adapt simple tactics.

Other Information

Games kit-Pupils will need their PE kits in school every Monday and Friday. Friday's session is their outdoor PE and pupils can wear tracksuit bottoms during the winter months. Girls must have socks to wear not tights please.

Home Learning

This will be set on **Friday** for return the following **Wednesday**.

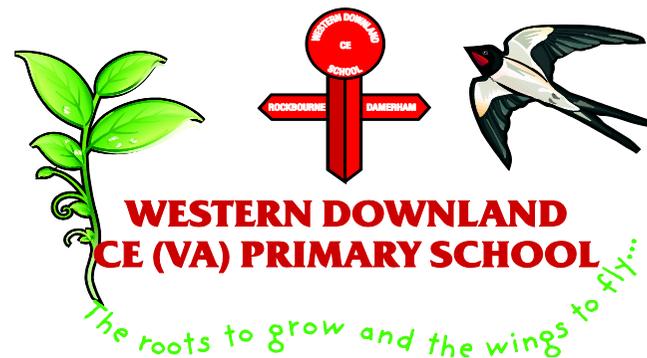
English task (20mins approx) Mathematics task (30 mins approx). Reading (25 minutes daily) with three comments per week in their Reading Records. (Checked every Friday).

Dates

13.1.17-Educational visit to The British Museum (Ancient Greeks)

17.2.17-Museum of learning -'It's all Greek to me' at 2.45pm

7.2.17 and 9.2.17-Parent consultations. Mrs Miller, who will be teaching Year 4 whilst Mrs Guymer is on maternity leave, will also be attending on both evenings.



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4

Spring Term 2 2017

'It's all Greek to me!'

Mrs A Guymer

Curriculum Subjects

Over the next half term your children will be working hard to achieve new learning targets. I hope they have an enjoyable time in the classroom and you enjoy seeing your child work with enthusiasm. I have high expectations for each child and would like to work in partnership with parents and carers. So, if you have any comments about your child's learning, please get in touch.

Core Learning Values

The children will continue to work towards their targets previously set towards the end of last term. 'Critical and Creative thinking' and 'Working together' are the two key learning values which will be promoted during each lesson this term.

English

It's all Greek to me!

We will begin the term by reading Ancient Greek Myths and Legends such as Theseus and the Minotaur, Odysseus and the Cyclops, Pandora's Box and The Trojan Horse. This links with our cross-curricular topic: It's all Greek to me! Pupils will write to engage the reader by describing settings and events through narrative, letter and diary writing. Pupils will also write a range of text types such as recounts and newspaper style reports based on these Greek Myths and legends with increasing fluency. Alongside this in Guided Reading, pupils will read a range of non-fiction texts on The Ancient Greeks. Drama and role-play will be used to explore the characters' thoughts, feelings and motives. Spellings will continue to be taught both as part of the main English lesson and as separate early bird and home learning tasks each week. These include high frequency words, key words and spelling rules. Punctuation and grammar is either taught as discrete lessons or integrated into the reading/writing aspects of the English lesson. We will be extending our ability to write noun phrases, begin sentences with adverbials, use the apostrophe correctly and include a range of conjunctions in all our writing.

Mathematics

We will start off this half term with a focus on multiplication and division and then move onto area followed by work on fractions. Problem solving skills will also be extended to include a wide range of contexts within all areas of mathematics. Children will be assessed formatively in order to determine the correct pitch and expectations for tasks set. Each day will start with a mental maths session in differentiated groups. Children will count in a variety of multiples including 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000. They will find 1000 more or less than a given number and count backwards through zero into negative numbers. Pupils will continue to practise their multiplication facts. Children will also take weekly tests, where the aim is for the children to practise being able to recall multiplication and division facts instantly. Please continue to practise these with your child at home.

Computing

Our computing experiences this half term will include exploring the ideas that computers can be connected together and input and output hardware can be attached to them. E.g. iPad, cameras, data loggers. Children will also be working on coding for their weekly computing lessons, using "Scratch". Laptops and other forms of technology will be integrated into all subject areas, providing children with the opportunities to present their work in a variety of ways including using PowerPoint presentations and Microsoft Publisher as well as

Religious Education

In this unit of work we will be furthering our studies of Judaism by exploring the question: How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do?

This will focus mainly on why and how Jews celebrate Passover and keep Kashrut (Jewish food laws).

Art

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During this half term we will be exploring themes and motifs used in Ancient Greek pottery. During our visit to the British Museum, we will sketch geometric patterns, pottery shapes and themes used on the main body of the pot. On our return to school, we will use these to design our own Greek pot which will be made using paper mache and painted using black and gold paint.

History

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This amazing unit of work will link with many other subject areas this term. We start by exploring when and where the Ancient Greek's lived and then investigate what everyday life was like for people living in these times. Following this, pupils will learn about and reflect on the legacy of the Ancient Greeks on our lives today.

Modern Foreign Languages

Children will learn practical communication through listening, reading and writing in French. Expressing likes and dislikes (about food and toys). They will also learn to justify opinions, learn and use numbers between 21 and 39 and describe simple prices and negatives.

