

Music



This term the children will be getting weekly music lessons from a specialist teacher who comes into school.

They will be continuing to learn the skills to use and play music on the Ukelele. The children will be learning the songs for a musical called *Jonah Man Jazz*.

PE



This term we will be learning to orienteer. The children will learn map skills before competing with each other in an orienteering competition at the end of the term.

PE days:

Tuesday – indoor and outdoor kit (trainers would be better if we are on the grass.)

Thursday – indoor and outdoor kit (trainers would be better if we are on the grass.)

Art / Design & Technology



This term the children will be studying and learning about Auguste Rodin and the sculptures he created over his lifetime such as *The Thinker*, *The Bhurgers of Calais* and *The Monument to Balzac*. The children will learn about sketching different elevations to plan a 3D sculpture, before planning and creating their own Ancient Greek themed sculpture.

What can you do to help?

- Homework will be sent out each **Wednesday** to be returned to school by the following **Monday**. Any child consistently not returning homework will be given the opportunity to complete this during school time.
- Please read with your child regularly. Ask questions about the book they have read to check their understanding and aim to make a comment in their reading record book 5 times per week.
- Send your child's reading book in with them every day.
- Spellings are sent home on a **Friday** ready to be tested the following **Friday**.
- Mental maths tests will be every Monday.
- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school as discussed above;
- Please check www.school360.co.uk and the school website regularly for updates/photos.
- Water bottles (**full, water only**) should be sent to school on a daily basis.



Curriculum Information

Year 4
Summer Term 2

Groovy Greeks!

Literacy



We begin the term by learning about the features of a recount. The children will identify and analyse key features of recounts, before planning and writing their own recount about their residential visit to Fellside.

The children will then move on to look at myths and legend, with a focus on Greek myths to tie in with our topic this term. They will examine important features of myths and legends before planning and writing their own legend.

We will end the term looking at learning poetry by heart, with the children writing and performing their own poems to the rest of the class.

ICT



This term in ICT the children will continue their webpage project.

The children will learn about html and how web pages are made using html.

The children will research information about John Muir and our conservation project, and then use the information to design a web page. Using html the children will create their web page to inform others about what we have been doing in the John Muir Award.

History



This half term in our topic *Groovy Greeks* the children will learn about the Ancient Greek Empire and its expansion under Alexander the Great.

The children will learn about the importance of democracy and debate to the ancient Greeks, as well as the ancient Greek Gods and the Olympics. The children will also find out about the role of hoplites and the part they played in famous battles like the battle of Marathon and the Trojan War.

Science



This term's science focus is on animals, including humans.

The children will begin the term by learning about the different parts of the digestive system. The children will learn about the different types of teeth animals have, and why, before going on to carry out a practical investigation examining the effects of different substances on tooth enamel..

They will learn about how the digestive system works in human beings, before going on to compare this with other animals, such as cows.

The children will then learn about food webs. They will find out about predators, prey and producers, and will carry out practical activities including building their own food web of animals living in a particular habitat.

Numeracy



We will begin the term looking back and recapping the topics covered over the course of the year. The children will then focus on problem solving activities in a range of areas including the four main operations, decimals and measurements including time.

Children will continue to work towards their times tables targets.

We will continue to revise earlier topics to support this term's work and the move up to middle school at the end of the year.

RE / PSHCE



RE

We will continue our *Understanding Christianity* topic. The children will focus on the 'Kingdom of God' unit. They will learn about the story of Pentecost, and the messages that Christians receive from this story. The children will learn about how the story impacts on Christians today, and what Christians do today to show their beliefs in the Kingdom of God and the Holy Spirit.

PSHCE

The children will learn think about a number of different subjects in PSHCE this term, including hindsight and self-reflection, jealousy, forgiveness and happiness. They will learn about Ramadan and its importance in Islam.