



Year 4 Newsletter

Groovy Greeks!



Dear Parents and Carers, It doesn't seem possible that we are nearing the end of a very busy first term in Year 4. Thank you all so much for all your continued support with homework. Please continue to read over the holidays; little but often will really pay off! Wishing you and your families a lovely Winter Holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back on January 4th, 2018.

In **English**, we will be basing our writing around different books each week or fortnight. We will be looking at a range of texts over the term, that will become our starting point for our wonderful learning. Different genres will be taught and there will be plenty of writing opportunities. Spelling, punctuation and grammar will be embedded into the teaching with a special focus on a Friday.

In **Maths**, we begin the term by focusing on multiplication and division followed by Graphs (pictograms, bar and line graphs). Fractions, decimals and time are also a big focus. We will continue to focus on learning times tables, too. Please continue to support by regular practise at home.

Topic: We will be studying Groovy Greeks in the Spring term. This will be a great opportunity to learn all about the culture, religion and everyday life in Ancient Greece. Topic will include geography and history as well as incorporating exciting opportunities to be creative within art and DT (including food and technology) . In RE, we will be studying Judaism.

Homework:

English and Maths homework will be set on an alternate weekly basis, allowing your child to develop a range of skills.

Mathletics homework will be set on a weekly basis.

Times tables will continue to be set and tested on a Thursday.

Spellings:

We will be continuing to send out weekly spellings to practise at home. These spellings will be based around a particular rule or gaps in the children's learning based upon assessments.

Your child will receive their spelling homework on a Friday.

Our PE day will remain on a Tuesday.

Please bring your P.E kit on the first day. We encourage you to continue to leave P.E kits at school during the week before taking them home at the weekend. Your child will need an indoor and outdoor kit at school.

Swimming will begin again on Wednesday 10th January

Please make sure swimming kit includes a swimming hat.

Thank you. Enjoy your winter break and we will see you next year!

Key contacts:

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The Kingsfield Homework

Challenge:

Hi, children! Bored stiff during the holidays? Desperate to do a bit of extra homework and really impress your teachers back at school? Well now you can, with The Kingsfield Family Behaviours for Learning Extra Homework Challenge! You may even receive extra Kingsfield Coins for your efforts. This will depend on the following factors: the amount of effort you put in; the presentation of the work you bring back, and the accuracy of the work itself. Coins will be awarded at your teacher's discretion. You may even be asked to showcase your work in assembly, in class, or for it to go on the Behaviours for Learning display in school.

Topic: Groovy Greeks

There are so many fantastic facts to learn about the Groovy Greeks — *Curious Colin* asks: "where did they live? What did they eat? What did they wear? Why were the Olympics held? Create a beautiful fact book or poster with as many tantalising facts as you can!



Creative Chloe asks you to be a young Hellenes and build a model temple or Trojan horse. Will you be Independent Isla or need Caleb the co-operator to build your temple or Trojan horse? Can you bring it in to show us? Or a photograph/s of you making it?



Or why not write a piece of poetry based on a Greek God or hero? Or, why not make and decorate a vase? You could even create an amazing theatre mask. What about making a model 'lyre' musical instrument.



Whatever you make, bring it in to show the class! Could you write some instructions so others could follow them?



Whatever you choose and are motivated to do, stick at it!

