

## English

This term the class will be reading several books which link to our topic on Ancient Greece, including Greek Myths. Through looking at these stories the children will be learning to create strong characters and settings, and how to use different types of conjunctions to make their sentences more exciting. The children will be reinforcing the skills learned in Year 3 such as consistent punctuation, joined handwriting and ambitious vocabulary. Non-fiction outcomes will involve writing letters, instructions and explanation texts.

We will also be looking at a wide range of material, from poems to non-fiction texts. The children will continue to develop their reading skills, including comprehension and inference. As well as moving onto more advanced spelling and grammar patterns.



## Maths

This term we will begin by exploring number and place value. The children will learn to represent 4-digit numbers in multiple ways to show that they understand the value of each digit. Later in the term, we will develop formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

This year the government are introducing a multiplication check for all Year 4 children in June. This will test children's knowledge of 2-12 times tables. Therefore to support learning in school, practising regularly at home throughout the year would be a great benefit to your child.



## Science

Our science topic this term is 'Electricity'. The children will learn how electricity is generated and transferred to our homes. They will complete hands-on tasks including investigating how to set up and modify a simple circuit with bulbs and buzzers.

The class will develop their ability to write and test predictions, make observations and form conclusions. When writing in science, the children will be encouraged to use scientific vocabulary in their answers.



## History and Geography

In history our topic will be 'Ancient Greece'. This will build on the knowledge that the children learned last year about other Ancient Civilizations.

We will look at the many things the Greeks invented and introduced to the world including democracy, the Olympics, astrology, theatre and clocks. We will also spend time learning about what life was like in Ancient Greece and what famous myths we still remember today.



In geography the children will look at the physical geography of Greece and how it is similar and different to Great Britain. We will also look at the country of Greece today and how it has changed since Ancient times and what still remains.

## Computing

### **Autumn 1: E-Safety**

The class will learn how to stay safe online. This includes learning how to determine whether something is trustworthy or not, dealing with strangers on the internet and what to do if something seems wrong.

### **Autumn 2:**

#### **We are programmers**

We will program and control robots using simple commands and sequences of instructions.



## Art and Design & Technology

The children will have weekly art lessons where they will produce pieces linked to topic, RE and science, where they will experiment with different drawing and painting techniques.

In Autumn 1 we will be exploring Greek architecture, creating our own larger scale charcoal drawings of columns with a focus on the elements of art, line and shape. In Autumn 2 our focus will be to create our own Greek pottery and explore Greek patterns.



## P.E.

This half term in PE with Coach Ruben the children will do gymnastics, including learning how to roll properly. In Autumn 2 the focus will switch to basketball which will teach the basic principles of attacking and defending.

P.E is on **Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons** and we ask your child to **come to school in their PE kit on those days.**



## Homework

Your child will be set English and Maths Home Learning on a Friday and it must be handed in on the following Wednesday. We will be using the Work-a-books and as usual will be marked by an adult. The children will also complete a weekly spelling test in which their application of the spelling patterns will be tested.

Your child have also been given a Home Reading Record, which should be used to track their daily reading with an adult at home. The details for the homework and spelling words can be found on Google classroom and all log in details are in the front of the Reading Record.

Please make sure your child has this signed by an adult and in school every day.



## Music



This term, the children will learn to play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression. They will be looking at Pop music and music by Abba.

## R.E. & P.S.H.E

This half term our Core Christian Value is 'Koinonia'. After half term it will be 'Friendship'. During our weekly RE lessons we will be examining and exploring 'Who is Jesus?'

Next half term, we will be looking at 'Peace' and what this means to Christians and Christmas through Music and Art.



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# Year 4 Autumn Newsletter

Welcome back to Hampstead Parochial and welcome to Year 4! I am delighted to be teaching Walsingham class this year. We are so glad to be back together in school with an exciting year of learning ahead! The children have settled in well and are very excited about what's to come this year. I look forward to getting to know everyone over the next few weeks and to a wonderful year ahead!

### Dates for your diary:

PE: Tuesday and Wednesday

Meet the Teacher - Tue 14th Sept  
Individual Photos - Wed 29th Sept  
Harvest Service - Mon 4th Oct  
Class Assembly - Fri 22nd Oct  
**Half Term: Mon 25th - Fri 29th Oct**  
Parent Consultations - Tue 30th Nov  
Parent Consultations - Wed 1st Dec  
**Christmas: Fri 17th Dec - Wed 5th Jan 2022**