



# Year 4

## Half Termly Update

### Summer 1

Dear Parents,

It has been great to welcome your children back to school this week. We continue to be impressed with their hard work and dedication to their learning. The children will continue to receive homework on Fridays (please see homework books for grids and weekly spellings). P.E will continue to take place on Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your child comes into school in their full P.E. kit.

The Multiplication Tables Check will take place in the first two weeks of June. Please continue to support the children in learning their times tables and practising on the website:

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

#### Maths

Year 4 have been working hard to improve their times tables and this will continue. All Year 4 children should know their times tables from 1 - 12 for their times tables assessment in June.

For the first part of the half term, the children will be solidifying their knowledge of decimals before moving onto the topics of money and time. These topics have been known to appear in the children's previous assessments so it is important that they feel confident with them. They are also valuable life skills, so we will be relating the topics to the children's everyday lives.

#### English – Writing

The children will write a retell of the Greek Myth Medusa. They will make their own props and use drama to support their understanding and sequencing of events. They will then write their very own Greek Myth. The children will continue to develop their confidence as writers, using varied sentence length, interesting vocabulary and a range of punctuation. They will also read a range of Greek myths to support their creative writing. Weekly editing lessons will continue to target spelling, punctuation and grammar.

#### English – Reading

This half term, the children will study poetry. They will be exposed to a range of poems including *The Spider and the Fly* by Mary Howitt and *The African Lion* by A.E Housman. The children will also read *Forgotten Fairy Tales of Brave and Brilliant Girls*. They will continue to develop their retrieval, summarising, prediction and inference skills during the term.

We will continue to have reading for pleasure slots. Please continue to read with your child every day, and encourage them to write a comment in their reading diary.

## Science: Living Things and their Habitats

Children will learn that living things are grouped together in various ways. They will identify, name and classify living things in the local and wider environment. They will explore how environments can change and how this can endanger living things. Children will explore environmental issues and the impact humans have on the natural world. Children will also investigate habitats further on their trip this half term.

## PSHE

This term, the children will learn about Britain as a democratic society, different political parties and understand that people have opportunities to influence decisions by voting in elections. The children will also continue to learn about the Zones of Regulation.

## History: Ancient Greeks

Children will learn about Ancient Greece, comparing it to modern Greece. They will use a range of sources to find out about daily life in Ancient Greece. They will compare life in Athens and Sparta at the time and will discuss differences in areas such as politics. Children will read and use drama to retell Greek Myths and will discuss what we can learn from these about religious beliefs of the Ancient Greeks. They will also learn about legacy of Ancient Greece in Britain in architecture, sport (the Olympics), politics (democracy) and other aspects of modern life.

## PE: Games

The children will be doing 'Net & Wall Games' this term every Wednesday. They'll start the first half of term doing Tennis, before moving on to Volleyball.

On Friday they'll be continuing their Dance or Gymnastics sessions.

## Homework

The children need to read at home every day to develop their fluency. They should also write a comment in their reading diary. Weekly Doodle Maths/Tables homework must be completed. For times tables practice, little and often is best! Weekly spelling will be given on Friday every week. Please practise the spellings with your child. Please also have a look at the homework grids in the homework books and support your child where possible to complete all the tasks.

## Music

The children are continuing to learn to play the ukulele and sing songs from different cultures and will work towards performing in assembly and international evening. They are also learning about music theory and the interrelated dimensions of music.