

Year 4 - Term 1

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education and British Values

The children will be provided with opportunities to explore and develop their own values, whilst learning to recognise that those of others may vary. We will discuss what makes a good friend and write a 'friendship recipe'.

Computing

In computing, we will be looking at software developing and how to make computer games. The children will use Scratch to begin to design their own games. We will also be practising keyboard skills, as well as using the internet to research.

Music

The children have this week started to learn to play the recorder. They will be introduced to reading music and will learn to play a range of notes in rhythm, progressing to play songs.

Art / Design Technology

We will develop our sketching techniques this term and will begin by sketching a variety of patterns whilst considering shading and texture. Later in the term the children will be copying a picture from one of the myths we are learning about. They will be encouraged to persevere and take extra care when sketching.

Home Learning Ideas

Please help your child practise the times tables as it is a vital part of Maths in KS2.

English

In English this term, we will be studying Greek myths and legends. We will be reading a variety; Theseus and the Minotaur, The Wooden Horse of Troy, The Adventures of Perseus to name a few. We will discuss the texts read and try to write our own myths, focusing on recapping the use of correct and varied punctuation as well as widening the use of interesting vocabulary.

Mathematics

In Mathematics the children will develop their understanding and knowledge of the number system, looking at sequences, rounding, place value and number bonds. We will add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using written methods. We will also be solving one, and two-step word problems. We will learn about fractions of numbers and shape.

Physical Education

In PE the children will continue to develop skills and attitudes needed for control and co-ordination of equipment and develop a sense of fair play, sharing and co-operation. We begin the term practising ball control, dribbling and keeping control whilst moving.

Science

In Science we will be looking at States of Matter. The children will investigate solids, liquids and gases and we will be experimenting and testing theories. They will also be making systematic and careful observations during our practical lessons. We continue by considering the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate this with changes in temperature.

History / Geography

The children will be learning about Ancient Greece this term. We will learn about the Greek empire and discuss how and why it grew so big. We will research what the civilization was like, Greek home life, their buildings as well as their art. We will also learn about the impact of Ancient Greece on the western world.

Religious Education

The children will learn about the story of Mary Jones and the work of the Bible Society. They will contemplate the importance of values. We will recap and discuss Leybourne's Christian Values of Trust, Love, Respect and Compassion. We will brainstorm how these values should underpin our behaviour towards others at all times.