

**Year 3/4**  
**Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Autumn 2 2022**

**English**

In English, we are using Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone to help us learn how to write speech, diaries and informal letters.

Later in the term we will be writing explanation texts and studying some Shakespearean poetry.

Indoor PE is all about the Carnival of the Animals. This links well with our science topic and teaches us ways to move in dance that reflects different animal types. We will be listening to a range of music by Camille Saint-Saens, in which each piece represents a different animal species. This interpretive dance will hopefully bring an enjoyable experience in controlling our body movements.

In R.E, we are looking at Christianity; specifically Gospel and parables. We will retell the story of the Good Samaritan, and discuss ways in which Christians help charities around the world.



We will also, towards the end of the half term, focus our attention to the festive season of Christmas. We will look at why Christians celebrate at this time of year, and the significance it has for members of the faith.

**History: Ancient Greece**

This half term in history, we are continuing to learn about the Ancient Greeks. We will learn about the deities they believed in; look at their art and architecture; the first Olympic games; and the Legacy they left behind.



This will lead into next term's unit on the Romans.

**Geography: Mediterranean Countries**

In geography, we will study Europe with a closer look at Mediterranean countries. We will identify the countries surrounding the Mediterranean Sea and build on our substantive knowledge of countries, capital cities and flags in this region. We will find out about the climate, and consider the location of Mediterranean Europe, and how it relates to its climate.

**Science: Classification of Living Things**

Science this half term is based on the process of classification. We will explore the reasons why plants and animals have been grouped, and how this aids scientists in their studies. We will classify our own creatures, whilst also looking at the parts of a plant and their life cycles, to have a better understanding of how they are classified. We will be using the terms vertebrates, invertebrates to focus our attention on animals that differ due to the inclusion of a backbone.

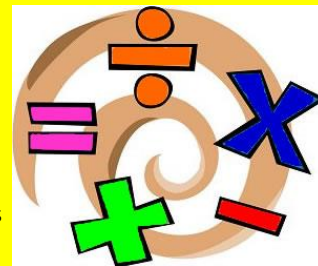
**Art: Space**

In art this half term, we are using our skills of tone and shade from our last unit to create the illusion of 3D shapes. We will be studying the work of Matisse and other similar painters to explore how they used space to make their images feel more 'alive'.

**Maths**

Maths this half term focuses on multiplication and division primarily. Children will be working on specific times tables and methods needed to solve problems involving division and multiplying.

During this time, we will also begin to set up regular practise for the Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4s, which is coordinated in the summer term.



**Reminders**

**All children need to have their reading book and planner in school every day.** Children are expected to read at home a minimum of 5 times a week. This should be recorded in their planners and will be checked by teachers weekly on Monday mornings.

Children should have a named water bottle in school every day.

**Home Learning**

Spelling tests are every Friday and new spellings will be taught on this day also. Home learning tasks (maths, reading and spelling) are given on Fridays and must be returned by Thursday the following week. Home learning tasks will be stuck into home learning books and sent home on Fridays. A half-termly project will be distributed in week 1.

**P.E**

P.E is on Mondays and Thursdays for Columbus class, and Tuesday and Thursday for Earhart and Livingstone class. Children are now to wear their PE kits to school on these days.

**Dates for your diary:**

9<sup>th</sup> November – Earhart class assembly  
14<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Socks Day & the beginning of Friendship Week  
23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> November - Parents' Evenings  
6<sup>th</sup> December – Ancient Greek Day  
9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day  
12<sup>th</sup> December – Y3&4 Christingle