

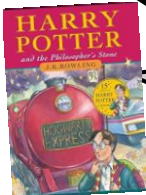
Year 3/4
Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn 1 2022

English

In English, we will be learning about myths from Ancient Greece. We will start by learning the story of the Trojan Horse. Then we will write non-chronological reports about monsters from Greek mythology. Finally, we will create our own stories inspired by Greek myths.

Indoor PE is all about Circuit Training. We will focus on different types of exercise, participating in a range of activities that focus on the upper body, lower body and core muscles. We will learn about aerobic and anaerobic exercise and will be asked to continually consider the benefits gained through participating in these. The skills are taught in an engaging and motivational manner, we will initially complete a focused mini circuit before taking part in two full circuits. In our outdoor PE sessions taught by KICK, we will be developing our hockey skills and applying them to games.

In R.E, children will be exploring the question, 'What is a church?' We will learn that the word 'church' applies to people (Christian communities) as well as to buildings. We will find out about the main features of Anglican churches and their significance as well as appreciating that churches and church halls may be used throughout the week for non-religious activities.



Our class reading book is
Harry Potter and the
Philosopher's Stone

History: Ancient Greece

This half term in history, we are learning about the Ancient Greeks. We will start by learning about some of the city-states of Ancient Greece, the Persian Wars and the birth of philosophy.



We will carry on this unit in Autumn 2.

Geography: Spatial Sense

In geography this half term, we are building on our map reading skills, and the vocabulary of longitude and latitude. We will be studying maps drawn at different scales, and collecting simple grid references using 'northings' and 'eastings'. The equator will be discussed with the addition of the Northern and Southern hemispheres.

Science: The Human Body

In science, we will learn that cells inside our bodies make up tissue (e.g. muscle), which make up organs that function in systems within our bodies.

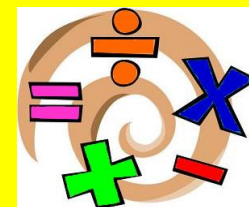
We will begin to understand there is much going on inside our bodies at microscopic level. We will find out that there are very tiny things we cannot see around us and therefore there is a world of science around us that we cannot see. We will find out that scientists look beyond the immediately visible to learn more about the world we live in.

Art: Light

In art this half term, we will be learning how to incorporate light and shade into our pictures. We will start with drawing and then progress to using paints – including studying the importance of underpainting.

Maths

In maths, we will look at place value and the many different ways we can represent quantities. We will discuss the value of different positions on the place value grid and use manipulatives to represent number. We will look at rounding, counting in 1000s and number lines up to 10,000.



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 Thursday and new spellings will be taught on Friday. 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.

P.E

P.E is on Mondays and Thursdays for Columbus class, and Tuesday and Thursday for Earhart and Livingstone class. P.E kit must be in school on those days.

Dates for your diary:



Wednesday 21st September (7pm) – Parent Information Evening

Friday 21st October – INSET Day