

Year 3/4
Curriculum Newsletter
Summer 1 2022

In English we will be looking at myths. We will read ancient Egyptian myths (The Death of Osiris and The Contendings of Set and Horus). We will immerse ourselves in the features of mythology before having a go at writing our own myth.

We will also be learning about, and then writing, non-chronological reports and play scripts, using some of the themes from our history and geography units of work.

In P.E, we will be continuing our knowledge of gymnastic movements by focusing on the principles of balance. With KICK on Thursdays, lessons will revolve around striking and fielding skills, now that the weather is getting warmer!

In R.E, children will be learning about Buddhism and exploring the big question **'What do Buddhists believe?'**

This will include learning about Siddhartha, the first Buddha, and the eight-fold path.

Art: Architecture

In art we are looking at architecture. We will start by learning what architecture means and what an architect does. We will conduct an in-depth study of the Parthenon. We will debate whether the marbles should stay in the British Museum or be returned to Athens as well as considering the symmetrical design of the building and the sculptures which adorn it. We will then spend some time designing and making sculptures in relief, developing our own knowledge of working with clay.

History: Law and Power

Within history, we will be learning about the Plantagenet kings. We will learn how they enforced the laws, but also how the laws were enforced upon them. Topics will include Henry II creating the groundwork for Common English Law and also King John and the Magna Carta.



Geography: Western Europe

In geography we will be learning about Western Europe. We will be looking at the countries that make up Western Europe and their flags and places of interest. We will be finding out about the climate in Germany and why countries trade and what products they trade. We will be finding out more about France and creating a fact file.

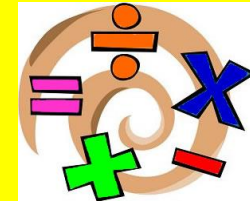
Science: Plants

In science, we are becoming botanists and will learn all about plants! We will start by exploring and sketching different types of plants and recapping their key features and functions. Then we will discuss plants' requirements for life. We will take part in an experiment using celery and ink to see how water is transported within plants. We will end the unit by learning about pollination and seed dispersal.

Maths

This half term, we will be covering a range of topics across our different groups. These will include decimals, length & perimeter, fractions, time and money.

We will also be focusing a lot on times tables (up to 12x12) so keep practising these at home. There may even be a few Time Table Rock Star battles between the classes to take part in!



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/LSAs weekly.

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. Please check your home learning book for each week's tasks. A half-termly project will also be distributed in week 1 in home learning books.

P.E.

P.E is on **Mondays and Thursdays** for Larsen and Watson, and **Tuesday and Thursday** for Bird class.

Warm Weather

Now that the weather is starting to become warmer, please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school and a sun hat when appropriate. On sunny days, sun cream needs to be applied before the children come to school.

Dates for your diary:

2nd May – Early May Bank Holiday (school closed)

25th May (9am) - Bird Class Assembly

25th May – Pathfinder's Got Talent

27th May - Platinum Jubilee Celebration (more details to follow)