



Year 4 Teaching and Learning Newsletter

Messages:

Welcome back to all our New Year 4 Pupils!

Our new History topic this half-term is the Ancient Greeks. We will learn about their beliefs in Gods and Goddesses, the battles that they had, their everyday lives and also the impact they had on modern life. Then we will move onto our Geography topic: the United Kingdom. We will be learning about the countries which form the UK and their capitals, what land is used for and also the Greenwich meridian and time zones.



Please continue to send in Topic Home Learning Work throughout the Term



Peek at our Term...

Maths

What we already know

- Place Value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Fractions

What we are going to learn

- Place Value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Fractions
- Time
- Measuring- Angles
- Money

Activities you can do at home

Support your child with TT Rockstars -[Times Tables Rock Stars: Play \(ttrockstars.com\)](https://www.ttrockstars.com)

and if they are struggling with a particular multiplication table- practise it on hit the button. [Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/quick-fire-maths)

Reading

What we already know

- identify and make notes of the main points of section(s) of text
- infer characters' feelings in fiction and consequences in logical explanations
- identify how different texts are organised, including reference texts, magazines, leaflets, on paper and on screen
- explore how different texts appeal to readers using varied sentence structures and descriptive language

What we are going to learn

- deduce characters' reasons for behaviour from their actions and explain how ideas are developed in non fiction texts
- use knowledge of different organisational features of texts to find information effectively

Activities you can do at home

Read with your child regularly and check that they are reading and quizzing on MyOn.

At the weekends why don't you take your child to The Oldham Library to pick books of their own choice and join in with the Free weekend sessions.
https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200395/find_a_library/722/oldham_library_and_lifelong_learning_centre

Writing

What we already know

- show relationships of time, reason and cause, through subordination and connectives
- compose sentences using adjectives, verbs and nouns for precision, clarity and impact
- clarify meaning through the use of exclamation marks and speech marks

What we are going to learn

- use settings and characterisation to engage readers' interest
- show imagination through language used to create emphasis, humour, atmosphere or suspense
- choose and combine words, images and other features for particular effects

Activities you can do at home

Ask your child to keep a diary, make shopping lists and write for a "REAL" purpose.

Pay particular attention to capital letters and full stops.

Science

What we already know

- Plants
- Animals
- Light
- Rocks and magnets

What we are going to learn

- Sound and Electricity
- The main focus of Y4 science involves testing out their ideas, exploring relationships between living things and their environments, classifying and grouping things.

Activities you can do at home

Visit BBC Bitesize to develop the children's understanding of Electricity and Sound.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z2pfb9g>



Topic		
<p><u>What we already know</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BRITAIN and ORIENTERRING - United Kingdom.-Geography THE STONE AGE including the BRONZE & IRON AGE. History Ancient Egypt -History Earthquakes and volcanoes -Geography The Mayan civilisation (incorporating chocolate) History 	<p><u>What we are going to learn</u></p> <p>Ancient Greeks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place some historical periods in a chronological framework. Use a variety of sources to find out about aspects of life in the past. Describe a study of Ancient Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world. <p>Great Britain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night) Name and locate counties and cities of the UK, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time. 	<p><u>Activities you can do at home</u></p> <p>BBC Bitesize-</p> <p>Who were the ancient Greeks? Discover different ancient Greek cities and find out how they were ruled. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39</p> <p>What is latitude and longitude? To help locate where a place is in the world, people use imaginary lines https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvsfr82/articles/zd4rmfr</p>
RE		
<p><u>What we already know</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship- Christianity, Hinduism, Islam About the Jewish people's religion How Jewish people celebrate 	<p><u>What we are going to learn</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hinduism and their traditions and celebrations. Why do some people think Jesus is inspirational? 	<p><u>Activities you can do at home</u></p> <p>Discuss what celebrations mean to you and make links to other celebrations in the world.</p>
PSHE including RHE		
<p><u>What we already know</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That rules are important To set targets for ourselves To share our feelings 	<p><u>What we are going to learn</u></p> <p>This year we will be learning new things from our new and exciting curriculum.</p> <p>Check out our class blog over the next few weeks.</p>	<p><u>Activities you can do at home</u></p> <p>You can set goals for child</p> <p>Discuss targets that they could aim for</p> <p>Ask them about their feelings- Every Day!</p>

Reminders:

Please can we remind all children to wear their PE kits, on the days specified below.

Class – 9

- PE lessons are on Monday and Games lessons are on Friday

Class – 10

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It is important to send your child to school- EVERYDAY- with their book bags, and the children should have their iPads and Reading book read- at all times.



Important events this term:

Home learning should be completed weekly (by Sunday of the academic week.)

- Whole School Assembly- Monday
- Music Assembly- Tuesday
- Good Work Assembly -Wednesday
- Class Assembly- Thursday
- Reflection Assembly (classroom)- Friday

Did You know?

Class blogs are updated on Friday and Home Learning is set on Monday. www.greenhill.theharmonytrust.org



We are looking forward to this term.

Remember, if you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, please ring the office to book an appointment.

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