

Year 4

Curriculum Coverage- Spring Term 1

ENGLISH: We will begin this term by looking at a variety of Ancient Greek myths. We will analyse the features of them and then have a go at writing our own myth. We will also use our factual knowledge gained through our history work, and creative ideas from art lessons, to write non-chronological reports based on mythical creatures. We will continue to work on English grammar and punctuation.

MATHS: We will be working on multiplication and division, and aiming to develop greater fluency in using times table facts. We will be learning to find the area of different shapes and solving problems relating to area. We will begin some work on fractions.

SCIENCE: This half term we will be looking at 'States of Matter.' Within this we will be learning about the different molecule structures of solids, liquids and gases, as well as reversible and irreversible changes. We will look at the effects that cooling and heating has on different materials. The children will be asked to plan and carry out their own investigation during this topic.

HISTORY: We will learn all about the history of Ancient Greece. We will find out about how people lived, country divisions, culture, Greek gods, the voting system, battles and how the Greeks influenced the way we live today.

GEOGRAPHY: We will be learning about the water cycle and the important part that rivers play in this. We will learn the key features and stages of rivers and about the longest rivers in the world. We will also learn about the positive and negative impact that humans have on our world's rivers.

ART: In Art, we will be working on creating our own mythical creatures. Children will improve their observational drawing skills as well as learning to mix secondary colours in paint and producing smooth, flat colour.

MUSIC: We will be exploring the music composed for the story of 'Little Turtle Turns the Tide' written by Lauren Davies, Bo's Mum in Year 3. This is a charming story, following the journey of a baby turtle on a mission to save the world from plastic pollution. Mrs Bennett has created music to accompany the story. We will explore the different styles of the musical movements and learn about the importance of dynamics, tempo and texture in creating effects and impressions. This will also include singing the different songs in preparation for a performance in the Summer term. In addition to this, we will continue learning the recorder by following music notation.

P.E: The class will work with PE specialist Mr Dowson on a Monday. The 'Super Skills' session will work on basic PE skills and general fitness goals. NUFC will continue to work with the class every Friday.

R.E: In RE the children will learn about Sikhism and Buddhism.

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PSHE: We will finish off our work on drugs and alcohol then move onto the importance of physical health and well-being. This will include learning about why people may eat or avoid certain foods for health, religious, moral and cultural reasons. We will discuss factors that contribute to people's choices such as ethical farming and fair-trade. Finally, the children will consider the importance of getting enough sleep.

COMPUTING: We will be using the Scratch programme to develop our coding skills. Children will learn how to create animations and stories using the skills that they have learned. We also aim to work on improving typing skills.

FRENCH: We will be learning some conversational French.