

YEAR 4 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Year 4!

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful break. We have such a fun half term ahead running up to Christmas!

Please remember to wear coats to school as the weather has started to get colder.

I will be updating our Class Dojo page regularly, please ensure you are connected.

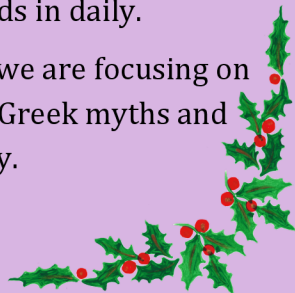
HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

We will be researching the life of Alexander the Great and understanding the different people who feature in his life. We will then be focusing on the Geography of Alexander the Great's empire, using maps and atlases before describing the geographical features.

READING

Reading is as important as ever in Year 4 and we encourage children to read at home as much as possible. Please bring reading books and records in daily.

In Love to Read we are focusing on various Ancient Greek myths and Christmas poetry.



PE and Swimming

PE continues to be on **Tuesdays** this half term and we will be going swimming on **Wednesdays**. Please bring a bag to school that contains a swimming costume / trunks, a towel and goggles if needed.



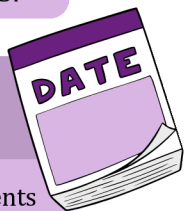
Homework

Homework will be sent out every week on **Friday** and should be returned by the following **Friday**. Spelling tests will also be on **Friday**.

A creative homework grid will be sent out for you to choose from. Creative homework will be displayed in class!

Important Dates

- 13th November - In person parents evening - calls through the week
- 29th November - St George's nativity trip
- 2nd December - Pantomime in school
- 6th December - Non-uniform day PTA
- 11th December - Christmas fair
- 20th December - Christmas church service
- 20th December - Break up
- 6th January - Return to school



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What are we learning?

MATHS

We will be finding the area of a shape before moving onto multiplication and division.

With our Times Tables Check in Spring, we will be practising our times tables as much as possible in class. Please support this at home with regular practise and use of Times Tables Rockstars.

ENGLISH

We will begin by focusing on recounts, studying examples of informal letters and emails before writing our own. After that, we will be exploring poetry with a focus on using figurative language.

SCIENCE

Our topic is states of matter, focusing on solids, liquids and gases and observing how things can change state due to temperature. We will also be learning about the water cycle.

RE

Our key question is 'what are the deeper meanings of festivals?' and we will be studying festivals including Eid-ul-Fitr, Hanukkah and Christmas.

DT

Our focus is Greek Food this half term! We will be exploring flavours, developing safe knife skills and creating our own vegetarian gyros.

If your child has a food allergy please let a me know so we can avoid these ingredients.



PE kit

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct kit for PE each week.

Plain red t-shirt or polo shirt

Navy or black shorts

Appropriate shoes/trainers with a closed toe

Black or navy jogging bottoms or leggings

Navy or black jumper or hoodie (none branded, apart from school logo)

Things you could do!

- Explore Greek cuisine at home with an adult. Could you make moussaka or a Greek salad?
- Practise your writing skills by writing a letter to a family member telling them all about your winter plans.

