

Isleham Primary School Year 4

Autumn News

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Welcome to Year 4

Miss Bottomley and Mrs Airey

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to be teaching in Year 4 again this year and especially with your children; a class already observed to have such hardworking attitudes and inquisitive natures. We have an array of wonderful topics to deliver throughout the year and this term our topic is the Ancient Greeks. It is a rich topic, full of opportunities across the curriculum. Read more about this and other projects planned for this term overleaf. In the second half of the term, an Ancient Greek day is planned. There will be an opportunity to dress up and it promises to be a day of fun! Times tables practice will feature regularly this year, as we prepare for the national Multiplication Tables Check in June.

We are really looking forward to working with you alongside your children. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Adults in Yr4

Teachers:

Miss Bottomley (Mon – Wed AM)
Mrs Airey (Thurs – Fri)
Ms Eatock/Mrs Skillern (Wed PM)

TAs: Mrs Broyles (Mon and Tues)

Mrs Goldsack (Wed – Fri)

How to help

- Support your child with **daily reading** at home (at least 15 mins) & make a note of what you have read on ClassDojo
- Support your child with learning **times tables** regularly at home. Up to 12x12.
Useful websites:
<https://ttrockstars.com/>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division>
- **E-safety:** Parents and carers play a key role in supporting children to learn about staying safe online. Check out - <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/> for more advice.

	What to remember each day...	
Monday		Reading book to be returned every day
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	Come to school wearing your PE kit	
Friday	Come to school wearing your PE kit	

Please ensure that hair that is longer than shoulder length is tied up for PE and that earrings are removed. Please wear your PE kit all day on PE days – you will need black leggings or jogging bottoms and your school burgundy sweatshirt or fleece.

For Your Calendar:

18th September
Pupil targets out to parents

19th and 21st October
Virtual Parent Consultations

26th – 30th October
Half Term

What we are learning this term:

Ancient Greeks

English

This half term in English, we will be learning how to write Ancient Greek style myths, reading poetry, devising and performing play scripts and writing discussion and explanation texts. In Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG) we will be learning about fronted adverbials, expounded noun phrases and speech punctuation. In guided reading we will revisit important strategies needed for comprehension of texts.

Science

This half term we will begin with a biology focus by looking at how our bodies work. We will be looking at the digestive system, the journey of our food and at our teeth and tooth decay. We will then look at classifying living things and examining their habitat.

History and Geography

In history we will be learning about the Ancient Greeks. In geography, children will use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate areas/countries and describe features studied. We shall also be learning about 6 figure grid references and use ordnance survey maps.

Music

In Autumn 1, we will develop our ability to listen, appraise and compose with a focus on the Abba song Mamma Mia. In Autumn 2, we will be learning about the language of music through playing the glockenspiel.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be learning about place value, addition and subtraction strategies and written methods, as well as practising our times tables and related division facts. We will also be learning about length and perimeter.

Art / Design Technology

In DT we will be researching kites, then designing and making our own. In art children will create Ancient Greek scratch art amphorae, mosaics and Greek architecture. We shall also consider great artists in history.

PE and Computing

PE this term will be on a Thursday and a Friday.

In computing the children will plan and design a game and create an on screen prototype of a toy.

RE, PSHE and French

In RE children will be covering the unit 'What kind of world did Jesus want?' and a unit about core Muslim beliefs (The 5 Pillars of Islam). In PSHE children will be exploring 'My Emotions' and 'Working Together'. In French with Mrs Skillern, the children will be learning vocabulary for animals and parts of the body, They will be looking at French poetry, stories and how to ask and answer questions in French.

**For Your
Calendar:**

Ancient Greek Day
17th November

Virtual Class Assembly
12th November 3pm

End of term
18th December