



Stanburn Primary School
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Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn 1 2023



Dates for your Diary:

Parents information session: Tuesday 12th September

Macmillian coffee morning: 29th September 08:45-09:30

Black History Month: Sunday 1st October to Tuesday 31st October

National Poetry Day: Thursday 5th October

Mental Health Day—Tuesday 10th October

PTA Movie Night—Friday 13th October

Half term break: Monday 23rd October - Friday 2th October

Welcome to Year 4

Hello and welcome to Year 4! The Year 4 team are looking forward to getting to know you and your child/children this in the Autumn term. We have lots of exciting new topics for the new year and you will find out more about them in our newsletters. We hope that you enjoy the summer holidays and have some exciting and relaxing times!

Year 4

4 Azure - Mrs Allen

4 Aqua - Mr Rafferty

4 Indigo - Mr Makwana

4 Sapphire - Mrs Bryan-Okenla

History

Over this half term, Year 4 pupils will be learning about Ancient Greece. They will study Greek life and achievements and their influence on the Western World. They will cover topics such as the myths, lifestyles, appearances, religions and rituals as well as comparing life then to modern day life. The children will be learning about the heroes of Ancient Greece and the stories linked to them.

The children will also be learning about the Greek gods and why Greek gods were important to the Ancient Greeks.



Science

Science this half term will focus on electricity. We will be learning about common appliances and circuits. Children will learn about conductors and insulators as well as understand different types of circuits. They will then go on to learning how to write up their investigations.



Art

Linking with our history for this term, pupils will be creating Greek theatre masks. They will develop their designing skills as well as learning to evaluate their masks and be critical in their thinking. They will also develop their sculpting skills when working with clay to create Greek masks focusing on facial expressions.



RE

As part of Harrow's RE curriculum, children will be learning about significant figures in religions, and why they are remembered, with particular focus on Sikhism and Islam.



How you can support your child at home:

To further enhance your child's learning, you may wish to explore The British Museum online where there are lots of galleries in which you can find out more about the Greeks. <http://www.ancientgreece.co.uk/> Reading some non-fiction books related to this theme would also be highly beneficial. You may also want your child to try some typical Greek food which will help reinforce their learning. You could also find some Greek myths to read together and talk about the themes and features of these types of stories.



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During the first half of the term, Year 4 will be focusing on the text 'Greek Myths' by Geraldine McCaughrean. The children will be studying the different myths within the text and exploring their features. The children will be writing a formal letter, focusing on a poetry unit and character description. Grammar, punctuation and spelling is taught throughout these lessons so children can apply their learning to their writing in context.



Mathematics

This half term in maths, the children will be looking at place value and addition and subtraction. The children will be looking at numbers to and above 1000. They will learn how to partition numbers; find 1, 10, and 100 more or less than a particular number; round numbers, count past 0 using negative numbers; and know and use Roman numerals.



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PSHE (including RHE)

In PSHE, we will be focusing on team building activities to help the children to settle into their new classes. They will choose 3 targets that will develop personal and social skills. There will be a focus on the rules and expectations for Year 4. We will also be using the Jigsaw scheme and working on 'Being Me in My World.' Some of the topics the children will cover are: becoming a class 'team'; being a school citizen; rights, responsibilities and democracy; rewards and consequences.



Computing

Year 4 will continue to use Purple Mash to develop their computing skills and knowledge. They will recap online safety and this will remain an essential part of our computing curriculum. 4Azure and 4Aqua will be focusing on a coding unit, which will build on previous learning, using 'if/else' commands, and other variables including 'repeat until' command. 4Indigo and 4Sapphire, will be looking at spreadsheets where they will learn the features, use tools to make number games and interpret data.



Modern Foreign Language

This half term the children will review what they have learnt from last year focusing on greetings, numbers to 30 and a variety of farm animals.



PE

Indoor PE

In indoor PE, this half term the children will be learning the art of dance. They will build on their prior knowledge, create freeze frames and a variety of formations to aid their performance.

Outdoor PE

This half term the children will be focusing on their football skills. The children will learn how to pass and move with a teammate, dribble showing control and run onto the ball and receive it.

Music

During music this half term, we will be focusing on harmonies using different notes as well as giving the children a better understanding of pitch and rhythm.

