



# Stanburn Primary School

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## Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 1 2022



### Dates for your Diary:

**Parents information session:** Tuesday 13th September 3:30-4:00 or Wednesday 14th September 3:30-4:00  
**Kew Gardens trip:** Friday 30th September  
**Hobgoblin Theatre Workshop:** Tuesday 11th October  
**National Poetry Day:** Friday 15th October  
**Black History Month:** Thursday 1st October to 31st October  
**PTA Disco:** Friday 21st October  
**Half term break:** Monday 24th October - Friday 28th

### 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!

The school target attendance is 97%.

### 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.

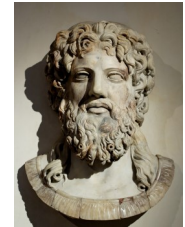
### Science

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.



### Year 4

4 Azure - Mrs Dhalla  
 4 Aqua - Mrs Man  
 4 Indigo - Miss Ibrahim  
 4 Sapphire - Mrs Bryan-Okenla



### 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.



### 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. Please ensure that your child is able to access Microsoft Teams as this will be used as a platform to set homework. If there are any problems logging in, please liaise with the class teacher.



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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. They will then be developing their own ideas and writing their own ending to a myth. The children will write descriptions of characters as well as settings based on ancient Greek myths. We will also focus on consolidating their knowledge of high frequency words as well as SPAG.



#### 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. The second part of the half term will be focused on addition and subtraction where the children will learn adding/subtracting two 3 digit/ 4 digit numbers by either crossing over 10 or 100 or exchanging.



#### 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. The children will be working on a coding unit, which will build on previous learning, using 'if/else' commands, and other variables including 'repeat until' command. The children will also be recapping and learning new vocabulary associated with coding.



#### 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 and creating a class charter.



#### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Home Learning:** Set on MS Teams and will be given out on a Friday. Due in on Wednesday.

**PE days:**  
**Outdoor PE - Thursday**  
**Indoor PE - Friday**



#### Modern Foreign Language

The pupils will be learning basic key phrases and building their knowledge of conversational French. They will start to count up to 20 in French and learn to ask basic questions to find out about another person. They will practice saying common greetings and describing other people.



#### 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.



#### PE

This half term, the children will be learning Basketball and Hockey. We welcome Coach Jenner back to Stanburn for his much enjoyed Basketball sessions, which will culminate with an inter-class tournament! In hockey, the pupils will learn to consistently perform the basic hockey skills such as dribbling and push pass.

#### 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.

