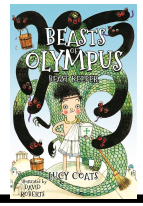
Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn Term 2

English:

This half term we will be exploring The Twelve Tasks of Hercules for our Greek myth writing. We will be looking closely at some of the tasks Hercules faced before creating our own labour for him. Furthermore, we will create a discussion piece questioning whether Medusa was a monster.

In Whole Class Reading, we will be engaging in the world of Olympus with Beasts of Olympus!



RE: Why are festivals important to religious communities?

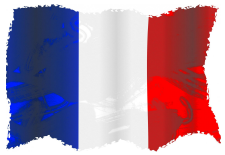
We will explore: what festivals are, how they are celebrated by different communities and what they represent to different religions.

History: What impact have the Ancient Greeks had on our lives today?

We will be exploring: what democracy was like, what rights women had in those times, the introduction of the Olympic games, developments in warfare and the common cultures/past times in society. We will be comparing and contrasting each area with the modern day times as well as evaluating the effectiveness of different sources of evidence.

French:

This half term we are learning the names of Zoo animals.
We will continue to add to our knowledge of counting in French numbers too.



Maths:

- Addition and subtraction
- Measurement: Area
- Number: Multiplication and division

Art: How can we create pottery that tells a story?

The children will create an Ancient Greek clay pot which resembles an Ancient Greek story. They will first explore in detail: different paint techniques, how to create different textures and mixing colours effectively.



PSHE: What strengths, skills and interests do we all have?

In this unit we will: celebrate what makes us unique, learn about each others' differences, consider goals we would like to achieve and learn strategies to manage setbacks.

Home Learning

Reading: Children will have brought home a school book. Children are asked to read 3-5 times a week in order to be able to take their Accelerated Reader quizzes and meet their target. Meeting their target earns them a certificate and a free book!

Maths: Children need to keep continuing with practising their times tables. They should log onto TT Rockstars as often as possibly and use the 'Garage' feature.

Edshed: Children are set weekly spellings on Edshed. They can go on as often as they like and complete spelling activities to earn honeypots and dojos.

We would love to know if:

- you have any relevant skills or experience you could share with us
- you have any resources/books linked to any of our topics
- you have any suggestions for places the children could visit at weekends to find out more