

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a great Easter and have enjoyed the lovely spring weather. Welcome back and let's get started on the fantastic topics/themes we have planned this term. The teaching staff remains the same with Mrs Tervit teaching Mon-Thursday and Mr Gilbert teaching Thursday and Friday.

Homework continues to be set via seesaw on **Tuesday** and returned by **Monday**. **Activities will no longer be available after this hand in time and they will be archived.** Paper copies are available upon request. Spellings will be handed out and tested each **Thursday**. Any additional tasks relating to other subjects will be uploaded to Seesaw- so please ensure you check this regularly.

The Multiplication Tables Check will be administered in the three-week period starting on **Monday 6 June 2022**. Year 4 must increase their efforts on TTRS to ensure they are fully prepared. Year 3 are expected to access TTRS for 10-15 minutes per day also. If your child has a Lexia log in, they should be using this at home.

An adult will hear your child read on an individual basis at least once a week, though the day may vary - it is therefore important that reading books are in school every day. May I also take this opportunity to remind you of the impact that regular reading at home will also have on your child's progress. Your child must complete a quiz and an adult will enter the results into their home diary.

### Maths

Children will focus on various aspects of maths, including:

- Decimals
- Money
- Statistics
- Time
- Shape
- Measures

### English

The focus text in English is 'Greek God's and Goddesses' by Geraldine McCaughrean. We will be writing our own myths, non-fiction texts and poetry using Pandora's box and others as inspiration.

- Speech marks.
- Apostrophe.
- Main and Subordinate clause.
- Conjunctions.
- Reading skills.

ICT We will begin the term covering vital e-safety skills, focusing on how to stay safe in the digital world. We will also be using micro-bits, scratch and movie maker.

### Science

We will cover the topics Plants and Sound this term. We will learn about the parts of a plant and their function. We will discover how sound travels.

### History

We will be learning about Ancient Greece where we will focus on great archaeological sites. We will discover what daily life was like in Ancient Athens.

### Geography

We will continue the work we have done on the UK and will focus our attentions on the North East and why it is special. We will look at special buildings and landmarks.

### PE

This half term we will be focusing on tennis and dancing. PE will take place each **Monday** and **Wednesday**, school PE kits should be worn on both days. Next half term will include athletics and gymnastics.

### RE

The first focus is Pentecost. We will learn about the power of the Holy Spirit. We will then look at Baptism and special places within the Universal Church.

### Art

We will further develop our sculpture skills. Manipulating, kneading and shaping to a design criterion inspired by Ancient Greece.

### DT

We will improve textile and sewing skills by making a product for a specific purpose. We will plan, design, make and evaluate the product to the design criteria.

### Music

The children will be introduced to music from North East England with examples from folk, mining brass bands, Sting, Katheryn Tickell, Durham Cathedral and The Sage Gateshead.

### RSHE

The children will be introduced to the whole concept of self-worth, individuality, setting goals to meet career aspirations and to recognise and challenge stereotypes. We will explore positive role models and friendship groups.

### French

We will continue to broaden our vocabulary and understanding of the French language, learning about clothing items and playground games.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Tervit and Mr Gilbert