Half Termly Topic Overview for Parents and Carers

Year 4 | Half Term 5 | Topic: The Greeks!

This half term we will be learning the following things. Here are also some useful hints and tips for helping at home!

	At School	At Home
English	In English, Year 4 pupils will be encouraged to learn and write through fiction texts including; The Sword in the Stone. We will explore writing our own version of a familiar narrative and focus particularly on writing to persuade and explain. During this half term, we will also be looking at fiction and nonfiction texts to build more confidence in answering a range of questions. Daily spelling lessons will help children to learn new spelling patterns and will also cover the Year ¾ spelling words. Handwriting lessons will encourage children to join their writing, sizing and spacing letters correctly whilst writing with increasing speed.	• Aim to hear your child read at least four times a week. • Read your child a book on a night. Promote a love of reading. • Encourage your child to seize as many writing opportunities as possible.
Maths	In Maths, the class will be revisiting the concepts of Fractions, Time and Shape. The children will start to work with decimals. The children will develop their reasoning and problem solving skills to gain a deeper understanding of number and the role of calculations in manipulating numbers.	• Continue to revise times tables up to 12x – the MTC Times Tables Check is fast approaching so this is really important!
Science	In Science, pupils will be investigating the topic of "States of Matter". The children will be investigating the differences between solids, liquids and gases.	
Geography	In Geography this half term, pupils will be exploring Climate Zones. They will explore the climate of several different counties and how weather changes as you move across the globe.	
PE	In PE, we will be focusing on swimming and tennis. The class will participate in a range of fun, active, engaging lessons concentrating on a specific skill each lesson. We will be aiming to develop the fundamental skills from each lesson.	• Encourage your child to take part in daily physical exercise. • Discuss with your child how to keep their uniform organised when changing for swimming.
RE	In RE, pupils will be answering the learning question, "What can we learn from religions about deciding what is right and wrong?" The children will be reflecting on examples from different religions in order to develop their own sense of morality.	• Discuss different beliefs about God • Ask your child to talk about what they have learnt.

Latin	In Year 4, Children will continue to learn Latin as their foreign language. This term, the children will learn more about adjectives.	• Ask children which new Latin words they have learnt that week.
Computer Science and IT	The children will continue to develop their coding skills, applying previously taught knowledge to more complex situations.	
Online Safety	Children in Year 4 will learn about copywriting and ownership. They will use laptops in class to access ICT lessons and online learning websites as well as other lessons across the curriculum. During these lessons, children will be made aware of the rules they need to follow to remain safe while using the internet. The children will have online safety lessons to teach them how to be safe online and what to do if something makes them feel unsafe.	• Talk to your child about Online Safety and the rules in your home.
Personal, Social and Health Educati	In PSHE, your child will look at the topic 'Looking after myself'. The children will explore the many ways in which they can keep themselves safe at school, home, in public and online.	
Virtue	Within school we have 6 virtues: fairness, kindness, bravery, respect, coolness and stickability which are all interwoven through our curriculum and, policies and every day practice. Our virtue for this half term is stickability.	• Discuss what stickability looks like in day to day scenarios.