

# Year 4 Newsletter



## Term 3 (2022/2023)

### News

Welcome back! We hope you have enjoyed your break and you are ready to enjoy this term's learning.

Our PE day is on Tuesday for Aspen Class and Foxglove Class and Thursday for Nettle Class. Please ensure you have the correct PE kit, white top, school jumper, trainers and black shorts (or black leggings / tracksuit bottoms).

Miss Fox, Mr Nugent and Mr Shorer

### Our PUPAC values

**Passion**



**Urgency**



**Positivity**



**Aspiration**

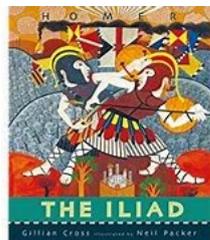
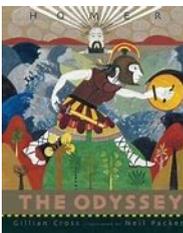


**Commitment**



### Reading

This term, we will be reading Homer's *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*, retold by Gillian Cross. We will learn about the story of Trojan War, the adventures of Odysseus and consolidate our understanding of the Greek Gods from our history last term.



### Writing

Year 4 will be developing their knowledge of poetry during Term 4. We will be looking at different types of poems written by different authors. We will then develop our use of metaphors and similes to be able to use these in our own poems.

### Maths

During Term 3, we will be developing our understanding of time by reading both digital and analogue clocks in 12 and 24 hour formats. We will also be looking at timetables and solving different time problems. Later in the term, we will developing our understanding of place value by reading, writing and ordering four digit numbers.

By the end of year 4, children are expected to quickly recall their times tables up to 12 x 12 and strengthening this knowledge will be one of our main focuses over the next few terms. All the children have a Times Table Rock Stars login, so any additional practise they can do at home will really help them secure their confidence and knowledge in times tables.



## Science

This term, we will be comparing and classifying materials according to whether they are a solid, liquid or gas. We will observe how different substances can change state, using terms such as melting, freezing, evaporating and condensing. We will also apply our scientific knowledge to understand the processes involved in the water cycle.

## Physical Education (PE)

In PE this term, we will be focussing on gymnastics. The children will be learning a range of balancing techniques, as well as a range of counter balances. They will apply this knowledge to create a sequence of movements and have the opportunity to perform this to their peers.

## Spanish



In Spanish, we will be learning how to say the days of the week, dates within the month and the months of the year. As we progress through the term, we should be able to speak in full sentences about what date it is and our favourite times of the year.

## Geography

This term, the children will be developing their map skills and their comparison skills, to identify any similarities and differences between Eastbourne, Birmingham (UK) and New Delhi. Alongside this, the children will learn how the Himalayas were formed.



## Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)



In PSHE, our big question for Term 3 will be 'How can we manage our feelings?'. Throughout the term, we will be exploring different ways to identify and manage different emotions, using self-regulation techniques and discussing our feelings in more depth.

## Religious Education (RE)

In R.E this term, we are looking at the Holy Week and answering our big question about why Christians call the day Jesus died, 'Good Friday.'

To answer this question we will be building our knowledge about the Holy week including Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday.



## Music

In music, we will be listening to, responding to and singing pop music, electronic dance music (including K-pop and Futurepop) and folk music from England and Liberia. We will continue to build on our understanding of musical terms and knowledge of musical instruments. We will also continue to work on playing the glockenspiel.

## Homework

Please read with your child daily as this is vital for their progress. Weekly homework will be set on Friday and is due in on the following Wednesday. This homework will include spelling activities as well as maths revision and times tables practise tasks. Please ensure it is completed and returned on time each week.

