

Year 4 2021-22

Autumn 1

Parent/Carer Overview



The Core

Reading

'Who Let the Gods Out' – Maz Evans

During reading sessions, your child will enjoy the story of 'Who Let the Gods Out'. Based on this text, they will revise and strengthen their knowledge of VIPERS (Vocabulary > Infer > Predict > Explain > Retrieve & Summarise) Every morning, your child will practise their reading skills in Book Club. They will bring home their Accelerated Reader book every day. These books will be used to develop comprehension skills in reading lessons whilst continue to develop a love for reading.

Writing

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Newspaper Article - Your child will write a newspaper article about Prisoner 42 escaping. They will learn a range of skills needed to complete a newspaper report before independently applying the skills to their writing.

Non-chronological Report - Your child will research the Greek gods and write a non-chronological report about their favourite one. They will share their reports with other classes by writing to inform. They will learn a range of skills before independently applying the skills of their writing.

Character Description - Your child will research Zeus and write a character description about him, based on his appearance and personality. They will learn a range of skills before independently applying the skills of their writing.

Maths

Number and Place Value

In the first half term of Year 4, your child will revisit Number and Place Value; deepening their understanding of numbers up to and beyond 1000. They will use various equipment and representations to support their understanding of the value of each digit. Throughout the term your child will order and compare numbers in various ways. They will use the symbol for 'more than', 'less than' or 'equal too' as (< > =) to order and compare numbers. They will develop skills to place numbers in an ascending or descending sequence. Your child will also round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

Science

Living Things and their Habitats

During autumn term, your child will carry out a range of investigations to support their learning of 'Living Things and their Habitats', with the support of our 'Enquiry Superheroes'. They will name the main animal and plant groups, describe their features, and use a key to identify. To put learning into context, your child will take part in a visit a trip to Hardwick Park, Sedgefield focusing on the different plants grown there.

The Creatives

Art & Design

'I am my Home'

Your child will study the work of Andreas Lie and Daniel Mackie whilst studying shape, line and colour to evoke emotion related to an endangered animal species. Your child will create an individual animal habitat illustration in the style of Daniel Mackie using pencil, fine liner, and water colours. Once the final piece is created your child will evaluate the process by considering what went well and what they would do differently next time in order to improve their work.

Design & Technology

Food – Healthy and Balanced Diet

During autumn term, your child will design, make, and evaluate a healthy biscuit. They will carry out research on healthy food. This research will be incorporated into their final design. Your child will create an individual biscuit, meeting the criteria of their design and following the method that they will have created. Once made and tasted, your child will evaluate and improve their design.

Music

Recorders and Clarinets

Whilst working with Mr Reay, your child will learn how to play the recorder and explore notes which change pitch when played. They will broaden their knowledge of notes which follow one another on a scale and begin to identify leaps and steps between played notes.

During the autumn term, your child will partake in weekly clarinet lessons with Miss Longmuir from Durham Music Service. They will learn how to play the notes E and F.

The Humanities

Geography

Europe

This term, your child will develop their knowledge of Europe by naming and locating the countries and cities of Europe. Your child will develop knowledge of a great variety of human and physical geographical features including rivers, mountains, landmarks.

They will use a variety of maps and 4-figure grid references to locate the different features.

RE

The Bible

This half term, your child will learn about Christianity and begin to understand how the Bible provides Christian support, comfort, and inspiration. We will discover God is authoritative to Christians and your child will explore who is authoritative in their life. We will learn the differing ways the Bible can be interpreted. During this time, your child will be given the opportunity to reflect on their own ideas, feelings and experiences whilst having the opportunity to ask questions and form views about the significance of the Bible today.

History

Ancient Greece

This term, your child will continue to develop their knowledge of chronology regarding the past beyond their living memory through the study of Ancient Greece. Specifically, your child will learn about Greek life and their achievements and the influence the Ancient Greek's had on the world. Your child will also look at the origins of the Olympic Games and the Golden Age of Athens.