Curriculum for Excellence What are we learning this term?

Primary 4/5 Term 1



Language & Literacy



- This term we will focus on Higher Order Thinking reading strategies including predicting and visualising.
- In talking and listening, we will focus on giving andfollowing instructions.
- We will also be studying our class novel, PercyJackson and the Lightning Thief.
- In writing, we will focus on character, dialogue and biographies through our Talk for Writing programme.
- In Grammar, our focus will be: P4 – sentences, nouns, verbs and adjectives P5 – Sentence construction and verb tenses
- Our focus areas for French will be greetings, numbers and colours.

Social Studies



Our topic is 'The Ancient Greeks'.

This term we will focus on-

- Selecting and researching events from the past.
- Comparing and contrasting Greek society in the past with our own.
- Discussing why people and events from a particular time in the past were important, placing them within a historical sequence.
- Gathering and using information about forms of discrimination against people in societies and considering the impact this has on people's lives.

Health & Wellbeing



- In PE, we will be developing our gymnastics skills and rebound games.
- We will also be focusing on developing our understanding of how to stay safe, recognising actions and behaviours that contribute to the safety of ourselves and others.
- We will further develop our knowledge of risk and safety when planning activities.
- In addition, we will also develop our understanding of children's rights as a Rights Respecting School.

Religious & Moral



Our focus this term will be on developing our views about values such as fairness and equality and love, caring, sharing and human rights.

We will also be investigating and drawing upon moral values as expressed in how we treat each other, and 'What Makes a Hero?'

Numeracy & Mathematics



This term, we will further develop our mental agility skills through numbers talks. We will also be developing skills in-

- Place value (read, write and order)
 P4 up to 4-digit numbers
 P5 up to 5-digit numbers
- Estimating and rounding to the nearest 10/100 (P4) 10, 100, 1000 (P5)
- Quantities
- Addition and subtraction using mental and written methods

Technologies



We will be using our ICT skills to enhance our learning across the curriculum.

We will also develop our use of-

- Microsoft Office Applications
- Typing skills
- Internet Safety
- Using search engines and saving favourite websites.

In addition, we will use Sphero Indi's to build our coding skills.

Science



In science, we will be investigating Biological Systems and Germs:

- We will investigate common diseases caused by germs.
- We will find out how germs spread.
- We will develop our understanding of methods of preventing and treating disease, and how this can benefit society.

Expressive Arts



- In art, we will develop skills in drawing and printing.
- In music, our specialist will work with P5 on tuned percussion skills, and we will work on using the voice and different instruments as a whole class.
- In drama, we will be using 'The Greeks' as a stimulus for role play and performing.

Home Learning Opportunities

Here are some activities for you to try at home!

Language & Literacy



Read for pleasure!

Read your class reading book.

Talk to a parent or carer about what you are reading.

Practise your spelling words using active spelling strategies.

Write a book review, giving your opinion on what you have read.

Share the French games and vocabulary that you have learned so far with your friends/family.

Social Studies



Health & Wellbeing



Religious & Moral



Read about Greek myths and legends and

Draw and label a map of Ancient Greece. Label the seas surrounding Greece.

Research the Ancient Greek alphabet, then choose 5 English words and write them in Ancient Greek.

Design a Greek food menu.

create your own monster.

Go outside and play!

Create a set of rules for the MUGA thinking about risks and safety when planning.

Play some rebound games with family members/friends and practise the skills you've learned.

Visit a library and find out about different world religions.

Create a fact file on someone you consider to be a hero.

Share what you have learned with your family and friends.

Numeracy & Mathematics



Practise all multiplication tables and number bonds.

Design and make your own Numeracy boardgame of 'Top Trumps'.

Practise your Numeracy skills on Sumdog andTopmarks

Make a shopping list and record the prices of some items in the supermarket. Can you round these prices to the nearest 10/ 100?

Challenge: use these to reach an estimated total?

Technologies



Use the microphone function on Google Docs to write a story.

Use technology to research Greek gods and goddesses.

Discuss internet safety and social media with people at home. What are their views?

Write a newspaper article recounting Archimedes' bath.

Science



Demonstrate good handwashing and explain why this is important.

Make a hand hygiene poster or video.

Share your learning about germs and keeping safe with family.

Visit the Science Centre.

Expressive Arts



Visit a gallery or museum.

Start a sketch book to practise your drawing skills.

Use the letters of the Greek alphabet to make your own name card.