

# Year 4 Curriculum Overview

## 2021-22 Spring 1

### English

In English, we are studying Greek myths. We shall be reading a range of Greek myths, recognising themes in texts read, such as the triumph of good over evil or the use of magical devices. We will draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence. We will be writing our own Greek myth. We will use expanded noun phrases to give detailed character descriptions (e.g. 'the monster' expanded to 'the ugly monster with snakes for hair'.) You could help your child at home by sharing and discussing Greek myths, both in books and in film.

### Maths

In maths, we are studying multiplication and division. We shall be using formal methods to multiply and divide 3-digit and 4-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. We will be solving number and reasoning problems that involve multiplication and division. You could help your child at home by practising their instant recall of multiplication facts up to 12 x 12.

### Music

In music, we will be exploring musical structure including question and answer songs through instrumental and rap music, in order to develop our understanding of dynamics and texture. You could help your child at home by discussing and expressing opinions about pieces of music/songs.

### Design and Technology

In D&T, we will be using mechanical systems to design and produce a toy using pneumatics. You could help your child at home by finding out about real-life examples of objects that operate using pneumatics.

### Science

In science, we will be investigating sound. We will identify how sounds are made, associating them with something vibrating. We will be looking at how we hear, recognising that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear. You could help your child at home by discussing different sounds around the home and how sounds can be louder and quieter depending on how far you are away from the source of the sound.

### Art

In art lessons, we will be investigating book illustrations, using our sketchbooks to record our observations and ideas. We will learn about famous book illustrators such as Quentin Blake, and will be illustrating our own book cover for our favourite book. You could help your child at home by sharing and discussing different illustrations in books.

### Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

In French, we will be learning the French words for common pets in order to have conversations about pets. You could help your child at home by learning the French names for animals, e.g. le chien = the dog.

### Computing

In computing lessons, we are learning to be creative. We will use and combine a variety of software to design and create printed media, e.g. PowerPoint/Google Slides. We will recognise and use good features of a digital presentation. You could help your child at home by practising their typing skills.

### Topic (History/Geography)

In topic, we will be studying the Ancient Greeks, and investigating Greek life and achievements. We will be recognising the legacy of Greek culture (art, architecture or literature) on later periods in British history, including the present day. You could help your child at home by finding out facts about Ancient Greece.

### Physical Education (PE)

In PE, we are continuing to take part in gymnastics and games. In gymnastics, we will be developing our flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance. In games, we will be developing our skills in order to play a game of badminton. You could help your child at home by encouraging them to complete the Government's recommended sixty minutes of exercise per day.

### Religious Education (RE)

In RE, we will be investigating Lent. We will be identifying how people prepare for special events, and how Christians prepare for Lent. You could help your child at home by talking about how you prepare for special events in your family, e.g. weddings, going on holiday.

### Health and Relationships Education (HRE)

We will be continuing to study HRE at assembly times, as part of particular lessons and on designated days/weeks such as Safer Internet Day and Comic Relief Day.

You could help your child at home by looking at our British Values, and discussing their importance. The British Values can be found at the back of your child's Home Link book.