Year Four Newsletter
Autumn 2

We hope that you have all had a relaxing half term. Since returning to school, the children have been working incredibly hard and we can't wait to see what they achieve over the rest of the autumn term!



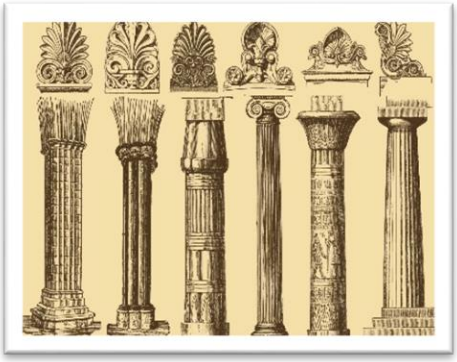
English and Maths

This half term our English focus will be on 'Fairytales gone wrong' where we will start with the book 'Zombierella' by Joseph Coelho, which is a twisted tale about Cinderella. Throughout our topic we will explore various fairytales to support us creating a fractured ending for the story Rapunzel, where we will use similes, expanded noun phrases and adverbials.

In maths, we are going to be applying our knowledge of place value to multiplication and division. The children will be working on both their mental arithmetic skills along with practising column method to support these operations. Additionally, we will be moving on to develop our understanding times tables facts **so please keep practising these at home**!

Foundation

We are going to be exploring lots of new topics in foundation including looking at how the Romans came to live in Britain and what impact that had on our society. In RE, we will be continuing to look at Hinduism with a focus now on festivals. In science, we will be exploring how sound travels to the ear which will include looking carefully at the structure of our own ears, as well as investigations in to pitch and volume. In Dt (textiles) our focus will be on the construction of a pair of mittens for a winter climate. In our lessons we will conduct research, analyse, prepare and practice, design and construct our project under the expertise of our very own dressmaker Mrs Buhagiar!



Home Learning

All children have access to *Timetable Rockstars* from home. On this platform, child are expected to be **logging on daily for 3 minutes a day**. This is very important for our upcoming national timetable test in year 4 in Summer term.

Children also bring home their spelling journals each day so that they can practise their weekly spellings. They have been learning lots of strategies in class that they can use at home.

PE

Children should bring their PE kit every **Monday** and take these home on **Friday**. Please ensure that your child has a separate blue or black T-shirt from that of their school uniform, a pair of black shorts/tracksuit bottoms and sensible trainers.

Reading Journals

Our reading learning journals are a great tool to record how your child continues to practice those key skills at home. They are expected to read at least three times a week, noting the date, book and writing a comment about the book. Please monitor your child's journal to ensure that they are reading regularly as we know this brings profound and wide-ranging benefits that can have a lifelong positive impact on your children's lives.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Wheeler Mrs Miller Mrs Buhagiar