



# Curriculum letter

## Year 4

Welcome back from a restful Christmas holiday, and happy new year! The children are already excited to begin our new topics in 2020;

Spring term 1- 'Greece is the Word!' The study of the Ancient Greek Empire.  
Spring term 2- 'Gut Instincts' A study of the human digestive system

During English and Maths this year, we will continue to reinforce all skills in greater depth and applying these skills in a variety of investigations.

### Maths

Multiplication and division  
Measurement- area and perimeter  
Fractions  
Decimals  
Mental strategies for all number operations  
Investigations and problem solving

### English

Narrative - Myths and legends  
Imaginative recounts  
Stories from other cultures  
Non-Fiction - Information texts  
Report writing  
Instructions  
Alongside weekly comprehension, handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar tasks.

### Science

Sound- we will try to understand how sound is made and how it travels through different spaces and materials, as well as understanding how we interpret sounds, including different pitch, volume and distance.

The Human Digestive System- we will learn the basic organs and their functions in the digestive system. We have an exciting (and messy!) investigation where we replicate the human digestive system with every day objects!

### Geography

During our study of the ancient Greek empire, we will use atlases to understand the spread of the empire and compare modern day countries which were under Greek control.

### History

'Greece is the Word!' will look at the Greek civilisation, including their religious beliefs, culture and arts, and the spread of their Empire. We will also understand how the Greeks developed the idea of democracy, a vital and important political system we still use today.

### Art/D.T

We will be observing classical Greek art and sculpture and take inspiration to design our own patterned vase and theatrical mask.

### Computing

We will continue to practice 'E' Safety -keeping safe when using the internet, as well as the using the internet for research. We will use online coding programs to develop greater understanding of computer systems.

### Music

We will be following our Charanga music scheme, where we will investigate the genre of rap, and gospel through Bill Withers' 'Lean on Me'.

### RE

Firstly, we will explore different pilgrimages taken by the different faiths, followed by a study of Christianity.

### PE

Children will take part in a variety of invasion and team games, whilst continuing learning different skills for games and sportsmanship. Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday; children must have full kits and all jewellery removed to participate.

### Homework

Homework will continue as normal with a piece of Maths and English related to the week's learning, and the week's spellings. There may be other homework set, on occasions, relating to one of our topics of study.

As always, it is incredibly important that children read **every** day. Reading books can now be changed every day when finished and books are chosen independently by the children. To aid children's comprehension, it is important adults listen and ask questions about the books. For example; asking what they think is going to happen next or what they like /dislike about characters in the story.

If you have any queries about our curriculum, school routines or your child's wellbeing please speak to your class teacher to make an appointment after school.

Miss Dewar (Dragon Class Teacher)   Mrs Partridge (Parrot Class Teacher)