

Year 4 – Autumn 1

What is the ‘Greek Thing’?

English

Reading

We will read a variety of texts and extracts this half term including:
Non-fiction linked to Ancient Greece, Greek God, Goddesses and mythical creatures.
Beasts of Olympus (Beast Keeper) by Lucy Coats.

Writing

We will practise oracy by reading poetry aloud and practising discussion guidelines. We will also be describing mythical creatures and writing an information text about them.

History

Ancient Greece will be our focus this half term. We will begin by looking at where Greece is situated in the world then create a big map to explore how it was organised over 2000 years ago including some of the main city states..

We will go on to investigate:

- How historians know so much about Ancient Greece
- Evidence from pottery remains about everyday life in Ancient Athens.
- The differences between Athens and Sparta
- Significant events
- How Ancient Greeks have influenced our lives today.

Maths

In Maths we will be starting with recapping numbers to 100 and quickly moving onto numbers to 1000 and 10,000.

This will include:

- Place value
- Partitioning numbers
- Number lines
- Order and compare numbers
- Find 1, 10, 100, 1000 more or less
- We will then focus on formal written methods for addition and subtraction of 4-digit numbers including exchanging in subtraction.

The Arts

In Art and Design this half term we will be focusing on telling stories through pictures. We will look at the work of Shaun Tan and use this to inspire our artwork to tell the story of Jabberwocky using pen, pencil and charcoal.

In music we will be working with the glockenspiels to learn, recite and compose our own pieces inspired by other musical genres.

Science

In Science this half term we will be focusing on biology. The topic is Animals including Humans.

We will focus on:

- Knowing the 7 life processes
- Grouping living things
- Classifying animals into vertebrates and invertebrates
- Using classification keys to identify and name a variety of living things in their environment.
- We will see how environments can change and how this can pose a danger to living things.

Spanish

We will recap how to greet each other and develop this into being able have a short conversation about how they are feeling, how old they are, where they live. This will also include using numbers to 20

PE

Maltby Academy Staff will be teaching Football on a Friday.

Class PE will be on a Tuesday where we will be covering skills for basketball.

