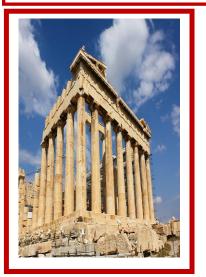
# Year 4 Class Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 1 2023 Mrs Cook, Mrs Lalli & Mr Richardson



# A word from us...

Welcome back to Year 4 and their families. We hope you had a lovely Summer holiday and are excited about the year ahead.

#### This term:

\*Games will be on a Monday afternoon and Swimming on a Friday afternoon – please wear your Active Uniform on these days and bring swimming kit in a bag on Fridays (separate letter with further information to follow).

\*Children should bring in a healthy snack for morning playtime as well as a filled water bottle everyday please. Children will have access to refills throughout the day, as needed. Please do not send children into class with fizzy drinks.

\*Please practise times tables with your child regularly as well as reading each night. Once your child has completed their book, please sign to confirm it has been read and record any comments. Please ensure your child's book and diary are in school every day.

\*Don't forget to log in to your Timetable Rockstars. Year 4 will complete a Multiplication Check during the Summer Term so it is really important that they are confident with multiplications up to 12 x 12.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to talk to us on the door or book an appointment if needed.



We look forward to a happy, successful year ahead!

# <u>English</u>

Our work this term will be based around Aron Steinke's 'Mr Wolf's Class' and 'Moon Man' by Tommy Ungerer. Through these units, children will practise a range of writing skills and will be developing their grammar, spelling and punctuation skills. They will also be writing for a range of purposes: structuring and organising their writing; drafting and editing as they write. Children will enjoy taking part in a range of speaking and listening activities such a role play and discussion.

Spellings will follow the KS2 spelling National Curriculum guidelines.

### <u>Arts</u>

This unit introduces the children to how artists use light. The children then look at the work of Vermeer, a master of light, considering how he used extremes of light to create a calm realism. They compare this with the drama of the work of Caravaggio. Over the course of four lessons, the children then develop their skills using acrylics to paint a still life using tone to create form.

<u>Music</u> – Developing Notation <u>Modern Foreign Languages</u> - French <u>Computing</u> – Purple Mash - Coding

### <u>Humanities</u>

In History, the children will learn about Ancient Greece. The children will learn about Alexander the Great and will learn about how he built a vast empire. Later in the curriculum, children will be able to contrast his achievements with other military leaders.

In Geography, the children will learn more about the globe and the lines geographers draw around it to help locate places. They will learn that lines of latitude are lines that measure the north-south position between the poles.

# <u>Maths</u>

At the beginning of term, we will carry out baseline assessments as we identify next steps for the children's learning. Our units of work begin with Place Value, ensuring children have a sound and secure understanding of the concepts of hundreds, tens and ones moving onto thousands. Following this, children will move onto Addition and Subtraction. A reminder that Year 4 children are required to take a timed <u>Multiplication</u> <u>Check</u> during the summer term - please keep practising these skills on TTRockstars!

### <u>Science</u>

Animals including Humans (Digestion and Teeth) During this unit, children will be exploring the digestive system and will describe the function of the basic parts of our digestive system. They will also identify the different types of teeth humans have and will describe their function.

<u>Religious Education</u> – Creation and the Fall <u>PE / Games</u> – Games on a Monday and Swimming on a Friday <u>PSHE / British Values</u> – Democracy.