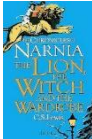





# Year 4 – Spring 1

<p><b>OUR TOPIC FOR THIS HALF TERM:</b></p> <p>In History, we will be learning about the Ancient Greeks. We will be identifying where Ancient Greece fits on a historical timeline and locating it on a map. Following this, we will be learning about what life was like, what a city-state was and identify the specific purpose of the Acropolis and the Agora. We will also learn about Greek gods and goddesses.</p> <p>In Geography, we will be learning about 'Natural Resources and Energy'. We will look at different natural resources and their uses, and consider the effects these have on the environment.</p> <p>In Science, we will be learning about 'Light' and that in the absence of light (darkness) we rely on senses other than sight. We will discuss that the Sun gives us heat and light, and that this is essential for life. Finally, we will learn about shadows and reflections.</p> <p>In Music, the children will be learning about musical notation and will be practicing to play the recorder.</p>	<p><b>OUR TEXTS:</b></p> <p>In writing, we will be writing a diary entry linked to our reading book; Charlotte's Web. Following this, we will be learning about the features of a non-chronological report.</p> <p>In whole class reading the children will be reading Charlotte's Web, answering retrieval, inference, vocabulary and prediction questions as well as developing their reading fluency.</p> <p>Author of the Term: CS Lewis</p>  <p>We will be sharing The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe with the children, along with other books by CS Lewis.</p>	<p><b>KEY LEARNING IN MATHS:</b></p> <p>In Maths, we will be continuing to develop our multiplication and division skills. We are currently focusing on factors and multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100.</p>  <p>Both year 4 classes have access to Chrome Books every morning, meaning that we have 15 minutes practice on Times Table Rock Stars. We have seen a massive improvement in soundcheck scores along with overall progress in times table knowledge due to children practising for a short burst of time every day – this could be further improved with practice at home!</p> <p>We will continue to use Test Base to improve the pupils' skills in arithmetic alongside a stand-alone arithmetic lesson every week in class to support this.</p>
<p><b>WHERE CAN YOU FIND OUT MORE?</b></p> <p>You can use these websites to find out about your child's learning at home.</p> <p><b>Light</b> - <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3nnb9q">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3nnb9q</a></p> <p><b>Ancient Greeks</b> - <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39</a></p>	<p><b>HELPING AT HOME:</b></p> <p>It is important that you read with your child as much as possible (at least 3 times per week). Please remember to sign your child's reading record every time you read.</p> <p>Year 4 pupils should be practising TT Rock Stars at home 5 times a week. This will massively support your child's mathematical confidence and progress, ahead of their times table assessments in June.</p>	<p><b>USEFUL VOCABULARY:</b></p> <p><u>Maths</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Factor</li> <li>• Factor pair</li> <li>• Product</li> <li>• Commutative</li> <li>• Multiply</li> <li>• Divide</li> </ul> <p><u>History</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ___ City-state</li> <li>• ___ Acropolis</li> <li>• ___ Agora</li> <li>• ___ Athens</li> <li>• ___ Sparta</li> <li>• ___ Democracy</li> </ul>
<p><b>REMINDERS:</b></p> <p>Reading books are to be brought in on Thursday to be changed for Friday.</p> <p>Times table homework is handed out on a Friday for completion over the weekend. Thank you for supporting with these, the children's times tables scores are showing the impact of this practice.</p> <p>Swimming sessions start on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January (afternoon). Swimming kit – swimming costume and towel - need to be brought to school every Wednesday.</p> <p>Please ensure the correct PE uniform is worn on PE days. PE will be on Tuesday afternoons.</p> <p><u>Science</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light</li> <li>• ultraviolet</li> <li>• reflective</li> <li>• shadow</li> </ul>		



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