



## Old Palace Year 4 Newsletter Spring 1

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### PE

The children need to bring in their PE bag each day when they have PE. Year 4 have PE on a **Tuesday** please ensure they have the appropriate kit and footwear. Children will need to have trainers to take part in PE.

### Swimming

Year 4 will begin their swimming lessons this half term. Please ensure they bring their swimming **kits every Monday**. Further details on the lessons, including what they will need can be found here: [Here](#)

### Maths

Please see below the maths topics this half term:

- 1. Multiplication and Division-** Children will look at multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100, 6, 9, 7, 11 and 12. They will also be continuing to learn their times tables. They will look at using written methods to multiply and divide.
- 2. Length, Perimeter and Area** – Children will be looking at measuring different lengths and using these lengths to calculate the perimeter and area of different shapes.

**Useful Links:** <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division>

### English

Please see below the order of topics the children will be focusing on this half term:

- 1. Myths and Play scripts** – In this unit the children will develop their understanding of the plot structure and features of myths, comparing Greek myths with those from other cultures. They will then compare a play and a story of Hercules', before moving on to write their own play scripts for another Greek Myth.
- 2. Biographies** – In this using the children will have the chance to explore a range of different biographies for influential Olympic athletes. They will apply the knowledge they have gained on the features and language of biographies to write a biography for another inspirational Athlete.

### Other Subjects

**Art-** Clarice Cliff

**MFL-** Les Fetes

**Computing-** Scratch – Moving Sprites

**History – Life in Ancient Greece**

**RE-** What can we learn from religions about right and wrong?

**PE-** Gymnastics and Swimming

**PSHE-** Dreams and Goals

### Trips

This half term year 4 will be learning about **Ancient Greece**, to support them with their learning they will be visiting the Sir John Soanes Centre to take part in their Ancient Greeks workshop and have a look at some artefacts.

**Date:** 4D Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February  
4T Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

**Cost of the trip: £2.50**



### Vocabulary

Word of the day: here are the new vocabulary words we will be introducing to the children this half term. You may wish to practice these words at home!

Week 1	misgivings	ramble	habitable	debonair
Week 2	investment	manipulate	consistent	ventilation
Week 3	obtained	commence	immediate	reckless
Week 4	outcome	device	inedible	ludicrous
Week 5	constant	refine	intense	fiendishly

### Key dates

**School Photo Day** – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

**Internet Safety Day** – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Year 4 Festival Assembly-** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Winter Weather

As the weather is still quite cold, we ask that children please be sent in wearing warm jackets, hats and gloves, as they will need these for break times. Please also make sure that PE kits include long jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt or hoodie for children to wear during their outdoor PE sessions.

### School Photographer

It is that time of year again, to take our annual school photos! The school photographer will be coming into school this term to take individual, class and sibling photos. School photos will be taking place on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January**.

### Bringing things from home

Parents/Carers this is a polite reminder that children should not be bringing in anything additional from home, such as toys, activities and accessories. It can cause problems, particularly in the playground or be upsetting if a child loses their item. If a child is seen with anything that shouldn't be in school and/or is causing a distraction, it will be taken off them and given to the parent/carer at the end of the day.



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