



Old Palace Year 4 Newsletter Spring 1

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Maths

Please see below the maths topics this half term:

- 1. Multiplication and Division**- Children will be looking at written methods for multiplication and division, they will be looking at using the column method for multiplication and partitioning for division. Children will be moving on to looking at division with remainders
- 2. Area** – Children will be looking at area and different methods for calculating area, first by counting the squares a shape takes up and then looking at finding area of quadrilaterals by multiplying the length and width.

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: 4M Wednesday 22nd January

4D Thursday 23rd January

Cost of the trip: £3

PE

The children need to bring in their PE bag each week on **Thursday**, as this will be our PE day. 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, from **Monday 13th January**. Please ensure they bring their swimming **kits every Monday**. Further details on the lessons, including what they will need can be found [here](#)

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

Speaking and Listening Targets

This half term Year 4 will be working on:
Listening - including listening attentively without interrupting and summarising the main points heard
Asking Questions – asking open and close questions to hold a conversation and gain information

