



## Year 4 Spring Curriculum Report

Dear Parent(s)/ Carer(s),

Sophie and Daniella would like to welcome you and your child back to Grafton for the New Year. We hope that you had a good break and the children are refreshed and ready for the Spring Term.

### **English**

In English this term, we will continue looking at the spellings within the Read Write Inc spelling programme. We will also be enjoying learning about Ancient Greek myths. Once we have studied the myths, the children will get the opportunity to create their own Ancient Greek myth. As always, reading for **at least 20 minutes** every night at home will continue to support the children's reading skills and enjoyment of literature. Your child will need their reading records signed by an adult or older sibling from home, once a week. Children are expected to know the Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings by the end of the year, please carry on going through these weekly. Copies are available upon request.



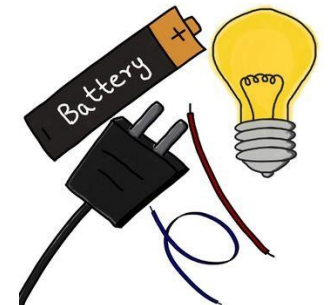
### **Maths**



In maths, daily mental maths activities will continue to support key skills such as addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also investigate fractions, decimals, time and area & perimeter of shapes. We will continue to investigate real life problems. Pupils will continue to prepare for the **Multiplication Timestable Check**, which will be sat in **Summer term**. We advise parents to encourage children to take part in TT Rockstars weekly, if you need the log in details, please speak to your class teacher. Helping your child to learn their times tables and supporting their maths homework will ensure that they are able to use these skills more effectively in class.

### **Science**

In science this term, we will cover two topics. For the first half term, we will be focusing on electricity. The main focus will be creating circuits and looking at energy efficient methods of electricity. For the second half term, we will be focusing on sound. We will be developing our skills of data handling using data loggers in sound.



### **Topic**

Our topic for this term is "Ancient Greece". We will be uncovering elements of ancient Greek culture and philosophy, drawing comparisons between ancient and modern-day Greece. This should prove to be an exciting and fascinating look at the past. This will allow us to study ancient Greek artefacts up close and bring the stories we have studied in class to life. In the second half term we will look at Anglo Saxon. We will investigate their impact in Great Britain.

## **Religious Education**

We will be covering Principles for Living in R.E, exploring 'What do people believe about God?'. In the second half term, we will look at 'Why do people think that life is a journey?' and what significant experiences mark this.

## **Music**

Music lessons with Juwon and Norris will continue this term. The children have already shown that they are progressing with the percussion instruments and with their understanding of reading music as well as the musical elements of rhythm, pitch, tempo, composition and appreciation.

## **French**

French lessons with Bahia will be every Tuesdays. Students will continue to build on previous learning.



## **P.E.**

On Tuesdays, the children will be working with Elms on their hockey skills. For the next half term, we will be focusing on running, jumping and throwing. Another focus will be teamwork principles such as fairness and respect. Your child will need a suitable footwear for these sessions and must wear trainers for these sessions.

## **Art/ D+I**

This half term, the children will explore Ancient Greek art and sketch Greek designs. Each child will create a self-portrait inspired by Greek designs and patterns. For DT we will continue our work on gears and pulleys.

## **Computing**

Pupils will continue to develop their computing skills throughout the different subjects' areas, with iPads integrated into different lessons. Our computing focus is on Common Sense Media and Multimedia and digital writing.

## **Homework**

Homework will be set on Fridays and will need to be in by the following Tuesday for both Year 4 classes. The children then have time in which they can come and see their teacher if they are unsure what to do. Homework is set to support learning in class, for example practising strategies that have been taught, and sometimes to research information for forthcoming topics. Please support the children where possible. It is important that they are working in optimum conditions that support their learning such as sitting at a table in a quiet environment without distractions, such as the TV or an iPad.

Finally, please ensure that your child arrives at school at **9.00am**, as this helps to make a positive start to their day. We look forward to having a stimulating, enjoyable and productive term and welcome your support to achieve this. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any queries about your child or their progress.

If you have any questions or concerns about the forthcoming term, please feel free to email: Sophie at [jade@graffon.islington.sch.uk](mailto:jade@graffon.islington.sch.uk) or Daniella at [lilac@graffon.islington.sch.uk](mailto:lilac@graffon.islington.sch.uk)

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