



Welcome Back!

I hope you had a fabulous Easter and were able to enjoy some of the glorious weather. We have already made a great start to the term this week and are looking forward to some fantastic learning.

Our big question this half term is 'How did the Ancient Greeks influence the Modern World' and we will be learning about daily life in Ancient Greece as well as the birth of the Olympics and the importance of democracy.

What we are learning....

Science

This half term we will be learning about 'Sound' and writing an explanation text to describe how sound reaches the ear and exploring how sound can be changed. Our key scientist are James West and Alexander Graham Bell. We will be further exploring sound by completing a 'Worm Charming' investigation.

Maths

This half term we will be learning about decimals. This is the first time we have worked with decimals and we will be learning to recognise and work with tenths and hundredths as well as dividing one or two digits by 10 and 100 to create decimals. We will be using place value grids to support our understanding of this challenging concept. We will then move on to writing, comparing, ordering and rounding decimals as well as representing halves and quarters as decimals.

Following our work on decimals, we will do some work using money. We will learn to order, compare and estimate money before adding and subtracting money and working out change.

TT Rockstars is still extremely important. At the end of the year, the children will sit a times tables test to demonstrate their knowledge. We have learnt our times tables up to 12 x 12 now and frequently use them in class to



solve problems, it is important that children practise this at home as it will help them in class.

Remember that there is a class certificate each week for the class who has been working the hardest as well as individual certificates for 'Rockstar of the Week'.

English

We have started our new class novel 'The Boy at the back of the class' by Onjali Q Rauf and have already found it very interesting. We will also be reading different Greek myths and poetry to help support our understanding of what we read. We will spend some time researching daily life in Ancient Greece using non-fiction books and will continue to visit the library on a Friday to choose our individual reading for pleasure books.

As well as writing our explanation text, we will be writing diaries too.

Dates for your diary

Monday 25th April - KF Celebration of World Earth Day
Thursday 28th April - Young Voices Concert (for those children who have been attending the club)
W/C 23rd May - KF celebration of the Queen's Jubilee

Messages

- Our P.E. sessions are on Tuesday, please come to school wearing your outdoor P.E. kit. Earrings need to be removed.
- Please make sure that children are not wearing jewellery to school and that long hair is tied back.
- Please make sure your child is practising their spellings at home, these can be found on the website and we will have a test on them during the last week of half term.
- Please ensure your child is practising their times tables at home, this is a large focus of the maths work that we do in Year 4 and will help your child in all areas of maths work both this year and in subsequent years. Our 'Rockstar of the Week' will be celebrated in assembly.
- Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school, it is important to stay hydrated as it helps us learn as well as keeping us healthy.