



Zephaniah Class News

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Welcome Back!

I hope you have had a restful half term. The children have returned ready to learn and we are excited about our sharing our learning with you next week during our class assembly and our open classroom, both of which take place on 3rd of March.

Our big question driving our learning this half term is 'How did the Ancient Greeks influence our modern world?' and we will be basing a lot of our learning this half term around our interesting history topic.

What we are learning...

Science

This half term we will be learning about 'States of Matter'. We will be investigating how water changes state as well as learning about the particles in solids, liquids and gases and how they behave. As part of our learning, we will be learning about the water cycle.

Maths

This half term we will be learning about length and perimeter before starting our fractions and decimals work. We will be learning to work out equivalent fractions as well as adding and subtracting fractions. We will then learn about tenths and hundredths and how to divide a single digit by 10 or 100.

Times tables knowledge is essential to support the children to access this learning, please make sure your child is completing their homework on TT Rockstars each week.

English

We are enjoying our novel, 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' and are looking forward to our next one which is 'The Castle of Inside Out'.

Our library day is Friday and each child will have the opportunity to change their reading for pleasure book if they would like to. This is also the day that we will change reading scheme books if your child has one of these.

In our writing, we have begun to write a mythical story linked to our learning about Ancient Greece. We will also write a persuasive letter this half term as well as practising our narrative skills by producing an independent story.

Homework

- It is important that your child practises their times tables at home, either on TT Rockstars or Purple Mash or even by writing them out or saying them out loud. By the end of Year 4, we need to be fluently recalling all our times tables facts and corresponding division facts all the way to 12 x 12. Practising them at home for 10 minutes each day will help make maths easier for your child. If your child does not know them and has not been practising them, they will be invited to attend maths club on a Wednesday lunchtime in order to practise them.
- Another essential skill to practise at home is reading, whether it is the book they bring home from school or one you have at home. Again, little and often is the best way to help your child.
- Remember to practise your spellings on EdShed each week. I will set a new word list with challenges and games each week and will be monitoring who is accessing this at home. 10 minutes 3 times a week is ideal to support your child's spelling knowledge.

Messages

- Our P.E. sessions are still on Tuesday and Friday, please come to school wearing your outdoor P.E. kit. Earrings need to be removed, they cannot be covered with tape.
- Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school, it is important that they keep hydrated throughout the day.
- Remember that Wednesday is our music lesson day. If your child has taken a ukulele home to practise, they need to bring it in each Wednesday.
- If your child has a reading scheme book, please bring it into school each day as we will read with them throughout the week. These will be changed on a Friday.

Diary Dates

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day

Friday 3rd March - Zephaniah Class assembly 9:05am.

Friday 3rd March - Open classroom at 3pm

W/C 13th March - British Science Week

21st March - Yorkshire Cricket Board to run a cricket session for KS2.