Castle Primary School
Aim High

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2 2026

Welcome to Year 4!

This half term we will be continuing to learn about the Ancient Greeks and exploring their fascinating history, myths and legacy.

English

We shall be learning about the Trojan war and writing a newspaper article as if we were there! We shall also be looking at play scripts and writing our own.



Maths

In Maths we shall be learning about measurement – lengths and perimeters before moving onto multiplication and division and consolidating our learning from this term.



History

We shall be continuing our enquiry and research on 'The Ancient Greeks' and their legacy, looking at which development they made we think as the most important.



Science

Our Science will be learning about sound. We shall be learning about how pitch and volume is caused by how the material vibrates and how sounds get fainter as the distant increases.



French

With our new French Learning Angels scheme, we shall be learning the phonetic sounds of the French alphabet. Then we shall be moving onto learning the names of vegetables in French.



PE – Outdoor and Indoor

We shall be learning how to play handball as well as creating our own Roman dance ready for our learning about the Ancient Romans in the Spring.



Computing



We shall be revisiting how to be safe online and how important it is to be polite online. We shall be developing our word processing skills and using the computer to write.

Music

Our Music focus this half term will be creating music inspired by colour and art, composing using a non-musical stimulus, timbre, dynamics and rhythm.



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How you can help your child at home...

Reading at home



Encourage your child to read regularly at home. Try to read aloud with them and encourage them to read with expression (prosody) and with fluency.

Sora

Your child can also use Sora to access a wide range of eBooks and audiobooks to help them become a fluent reader.

Homework



Homework books will come home on a **Friday** and need to come back to school on the following **Wednesday.**

Spelling



Encourage your child to practise their spellings five times a week. Spend time discussing the meaning of their spellings to help their understanding further.

prefix

root word

suffix

Times tables – Year 4

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

In **June, Year 4** children take part in the **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC).** This is a national, online check where children are asked 25 times table questions and have 6 seconds to answer each one.



How you can help:

- Encourage your child to practise all of their times tables.
- Aim for an average of 10 minutes a day, 3 days a week on **Times Tables Rock Stars** (TTRS).
- Use quick-fire questions in the car, at the dinner table or on a walk.

Maths at home



Practise adding different amounts to help secure number and place value knowledge. Keep practising those times tables.



Being a reader



- Choose a book that interests you.
- Read regularly at home.
- Read aloud with expression (prosody).
- Read with fluency.
- Talk about what you have read.
- Use Sora to discover new authors, series and topics.

PSHE

We shall be exploring how to recognise a wider range of feelings in others and how to manage our own more difficult feelings as well as how to resolve differences.

RE

We shall be learning what the word 'holy' means and how Christians show that Mary is holy. We will be exploring the children's own concept of the word 'holy' and what it means in their lives.

Additional Ideas...

- Visit the library to find books about the Ancient Greeks.
- Watch a documentary or visit a museum (in person or online).
- Look for Greek myths and read them together.
- Find out about the impact the Ancient Greeks have had on our world today.

