



Year 4 Newsletter

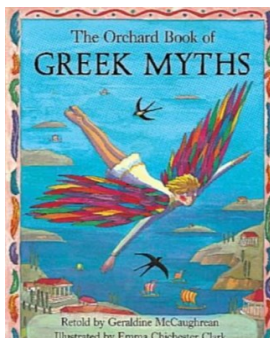
Natural Disasters

Holybrook Primary School

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In **English** lessons this term, we will continue our work on Greek myths that we started exploring during our visit to Leeds Playhouse in December. We will think about the themes of Greek myths. We will learn how to orally tell myths, as well as how to write them.

You can help by: Finding out about and reading different Greek myths on the internet. Researching Greek gods and goddesses. Find out about heroes and heroines and about mythical creatures like the Minotaur.



For **Maths** this term, we will continue our work multiplying and dividing. Children will learn the times tables they are not yet familiar with mainly 6, 7, 9, 11, 12. They should already be fluent in the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Times Tables are an essential part of learning in Year 4 so children will frequently be practising their times tables. During this term, we will learn how to use our increasingly fluent times table facts to help us multiply and divide 2 and 3 digit numbers by a 1-digit number. We will also explore length and learn how to work out the perimeter and area of shapes.

You can help by: Practising times tables and making sure children are improving their rock speeds using Times Table Rockstars online. Encourage children to learn the times tables they are not yet familiar with.

Reading - Please make sure that your child is reading every evening at home and that you are signing their reading record. Children who read more also become better writers. Reading books should be in school **EVERY** day for independent and 1:1 reading.

Homework

Spelling and maths facts to learn will be sent out every **Friday**. Please return by Wednesday so the next homework can be sent out. Children will also have a choice of other homework tasks to complete related to our topic.

Uniform Just as a reminder, school uniform is black school shoes **not** trainers. Earrings—only plain metal studs with no jewels. Haircuts should be the same length all over, with **no tramlines** etc.

Geography



We will find out about natural disasters related to the movement of the Earth's plates. Children will find out what a volcano is and what happens when a volcano erupts. They will also find out what earthquakes are. They will look at how people live and adapt

in volcanic areas. We will explore where in the world volcanoes are found.

Art and Design

Finishing off our Mexican topic, in **Design and Technology**, children will be finding out about healthy food and they will use this to design and make Mexican dishes.



In **Art**, children will learn about Stephanie Peters and how she has represented volcanic eruptions in her paintings. They will learn how to use different brush strokes to create an effect.



History

In history we will briefly revisit Ancient History by exploring the beliefs of Ancient Greeks to tie in with our work on Greek myths in English.

Science

In Science we will finish off our digestive system work by exploring food chains thinking about producers, predators and prey. We will then be exploring **Electricity**. We will identify appliances that run on electricity. We will construct simple circuits and recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit. We will look at conductors and insulators.

In **PSHE** the children will be exploring physical health and well-being and what is important to them.

PE this term—street dance

The children have PE every **Thursday**. Remember children need to bring their own kits on these days. Indoor PE Kit



is a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and all white or all black trainers. For outdoors children can wear a navy or black sweatshirt and jogging bottoms.

Marvellous Me: make sure you are signed up for and are regularly checking Marvellous Me so that I can share all your children's successes!