

Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter, 2026

Dear families,

Welcome back and we hope you have had a good holiday.

This term, we will be studying two core texts in our English lessons - Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe and Ancient Greek Myths by Marchella Ward and Sander Berg. Within these texts, children will cover the themes of traditional tales which focus on kindness, good overcoming evil and bravery.

In mathematics, the children will be learning about addition and subtraction, place value including thousands, perimeter of 2D shapes, measurement and properties of quadrilaterals and to recognise a regular and irregular polygon. Throughout the year, the children will be revising their timetables up to 12 x 12.

You will find the knowledge organisers attached for history, geography and science. The key vocabulary the children will be learning and using in lessons is listed on these knowledge organisers along with key facts and information. These are a really valuable resource to use when talking to your children about their learning. The topics for Autumn 1 are Ancient Greece, Spatial sense looking at longitude and latitude, scale on maps and how Esher has changed over time. In science the children study the human body and in autumn 2 classification of plants and animals. Ancient Greece and the Mediterranean will be covered after October half term.

In music, the children will be exploring the music from Ancient Greece and will develop an understanding of the instruments used and compose a graphic score for a piece of music. In art, the children will be recreating Greek vases. They will collect ideas in their sketch books and plan and design their own vase using scratch techniques. This term in design and technology, the children will evaluate different pasta salads and understand what makes a healthy and balanced diet. They will design and plan their own pasta salad using the criteria that it needs to be healthy.

In life skills lessons, the children will be learning about growth mind sets and how they can be their best! They will identify ways in which everyone is unique and appreciate their own uniqueness. They will learn to recognise that there are times when they will make the same choices as their friends and times when they will choose differently. In RE, we will be learning about 'What do Sikhs value?' In autumn 2, Christianity 'What did God promise his people?' The topic, which will be covered in computing sessions this term, enables pupils to develop an understanding of the internet as a network of networks which need to be kept secure. They will learn that the World Wide Web is part of the internet and will be given opportunities to explore the World Wide Web for. In autumn 2, children will learn about podcast, they will use different software to record, edit and paste sound and recordings.

During PE lessons this term, children will be participating in fitness sessions, tag rugby, netball and gymnastics lessons. Please note that PE days for Lemurs are Tuesday and Thursday and for **Puffins Wednesday and Thursday**. If there is a change in timetable due to school events, we will inform you of the days that children will be required to come into school in their PE kits.

We are really looking forward to the term ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding your child's learning or wellbeing.

Kind regards,

Miss Gray, Miss Ali and Mr Rines



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Autumn Term Home Learning

Autumn 1

This half term, the children will be studying the Ancient Greeks in History. For their homework we would like them to research and write a report or poster (no bigger than A3) about a Greek god. This could include pictures and labelled diagrams, a glossary, headings and sub headings.

Due in Monday 12th October 2026

Autumn 2

Create a poster that encourages people to care for the environment. Include practical ideas, such as reducing waste, reusing items, and recycling materials. Make sure your poster is eye-catching and engaging for your audience.

Due in Monday 14th December 2026

Weekly Home Learning

Daily reading - recorded in your reading record.

TT Rock stars - 15 minutes 3 times a week

Spelling Shed - 15 minutes 3 times a week

Daily spelling practice by completing two different tasks in your spelling homework book



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