

## Curriculum Newsletter for Year 3 & 4, Autumn 1 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first half term of the year. This will be a busy half-term for the children; they will be settling into their new classes and getting to know the adults working with them. We would like to share our Curriculum overview with you and some key dates for this half term.

Swimming day is Wednesday; please ensure your child has their swimming kit with them.

PE day is Friday; please ensure your child has their full PE kit with them.

Homework—will go out Thursday and pupils will be expected to return their homework to school on Tuesday. Please ensure all homework is complete and back at school in time.

Our Topic for this half term is Ancient Greeks

Please take a look at our Curriculum Map for this half term.

In Literacy we will be learning about narratives and the theme will be suspense.

Our grammar focus will be on expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials.

as well as building our vocabulary.

Our first core text will be 'The Iron Man'.

In PE we will be working on hockey.

We will learn and apply basic principles suitable for attacking and defending.

In RE, we will learn about Rosh Hashanah and Sukkot.

In PSHCE, we will be learning about 'Being Responsible' and to understand that everybody has a role and a responsibility.

In Numeracy our key skills focus will be on the four operations, measure, time, number and place value.

Problem solving, challenges, investigations

Mental arithmetic, times tables, effective methods and strategies.

In Jewish Studies, we will be focussing on the Jewish festivals of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah as well as brushing up on our Tefillah skills. We will also explore how Jews give thanks for G\_d's love, care and protection.

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In Humanities, our focus is History where we will be learning about the Ancient Greeks. We will develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of the period and note connections, contrasts and the influences it had on society.

Our Science work will be on
Astronomy. We will be exploring
what is in our expanding
universe, We will also be
explaining the findings of the
first humans in space. We will
describe how human activities are
conducted in space and the
implications.

In ICT, we will be using our computing skills to create presentations and to also publish our work. We will also be using ICT tools to research.