



Treasure around the World

Roots to grow, wings to fly

Welcome to Term 3 and 4!
In these notes, you will find information relating to Kites class and a brief overview of some of the areas of study your child will be covering at school over the next two terms. Each 'big' term (autumn, spring and summer) we have a whole school topic that some activities might link to however some areas stand alone and could be inspired for example by a book, current world events or a place. For terms 3 & 4 our topic is Treasure around the world with a focus on Ancient Greece.

Things to Know

PE kits need to be in school everyday but we will do PE on Thursdays. Homework and spellings will be sent out on Fridays and needs to be back by the following Wednesday.

Who's who?

Kites is a class of Year 4 and 5 taught by Mrs Dixon (Monday to Thursday) and Miss Dunn (Friday). Our teaching assistants are Miss Lydiard, Mrs Xavier and Mrs Withers .

Areas of Exploration

Music

We will be learning to sing in canon and to explore chords, bass lines and singing in thirds. We will also learn how to harmonise and develop a song through the use of harmony.

Maths

During these terms we'll be looking at and securing written methods for multiplication and division. We will also look at fractions, decimals and percentages and the relationship between these three areas.

English



Above are just some of the books we will be exploring as a class through English sessions and beyond. We will be looking at different writing genres including narratives, reports, diaries, letters, recounts, advertising, persuasive letters and poetry.

Geography

Our geography over the next two terms will tie in to our Ancient Greece topic and we will be looking at what is special about the Mediterranean Sea.

DT

Kites will be keeping busy in design technology with two projects. They will be researching and making a three course Greek meal and looking at a range of mechanisms and construction techniques to make a pop-up book.

Science

In term 3 we will be looking at evolution and inheritance. We will explore how Charles Darwin developed his theory of evolution through a case study about the Galapagos Islands. In term four, we will have a space focus and think about the question 'How has our understanding of space changed over time?'

PE

Kites will be looking at gymnastics and how to perform a variety of floor and vault movements.

Computing

In our programming unit, we will be using physical computing to explore the concept of selection in programming through the use of the 'Crumble' programming environment. We will also be looking at databases to order and answer questions.

French

In our topic is 'Where in the World', we will be looking vocabulary related to the countries of the United Kingdom, continents and animals from different countries. We will be using this to take part in conversations with other.

History

We will be gaining an understanding of where and when some key events during ancient Greece took place. We will focus on some key terms like 'trade', 'civilization' and 'empire' and key people such as Alexander the Great. We will also look at daily life, gods and the history behind the Olympics amongst other things.

PSHE

Entitled VIPS, this unit will focus on relationships we have with our VIPs. It will look at friendships, how they're formed and maintained, and the qualities of a good friend. It will also look at disputes and bullying and address strategies for coping with each of these.

RE

Kites will be looking at Hinduism in RE. We will be thinking about the question 'How can Brahman be everywhere and everything?' Just before Easter we will also be thinking about why Christians call the day Jesus died, Good Friday.

Art

In Art, we will be looking at Greek pots and their use and will have a go at making our own using clay.