

Important dates and Celebrations:

Wednesday	5th January	Twelfth Night	
Thursday	6th January	Epiphany	
Friday	7th January	Orthodox Christmas Day	
Wednesday	12th January	Live St Johns Church Service	
Friday	14th January	Orthodox New Year	
Saturday	15th January	Martin Luther King Jr birthday	
Sunday	16th January	World Religion Day	
Monday	17th January	Tu B'Shevat (Arbor Day)	Jewish holiday
		Martin Luther King Jr Day	
Tuesday	25th January	Burns Night	Scottish local observance
Thursday	27th January	Holocaust Memorial Day	
Friday	28th January – 4th February	National Storytelling Week	
Tuesday	1st February	Chinese New Year	
Thursday	3rd February	UNICEF Day for Change	
Monday	7th February – 13th February	Children's Mental Health Week	
Tuesday	8th February	Safer Internet Day	
Monday	14th February	Valentine's Day	
Thursday	18th February	Random Acts of Kindness Day	



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CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

RISE UP



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

It is such a delight to see the children back this year with such enthusiastic attitudes towards learning.

We have exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum this term. We will be learning about Ancient Greece, which builds on our knowledge of Ancient Egypt from Year 3 which the children loved! We will also be learning about Ancient Greek rules and democracy, how they lived and their inventions that we still use today.

Please feel free to share any questions or concerns with me, as we are always here to support.

Kind regards,
Miss James

RISE UP

Spring 1 2022

Maths

This half term we will focus on reinforcing our multiplication and division skills. We will be exploring patterns found within each multiplication table which will be reinforced when we begin to multiply and divide 3-digit numbers! We will also be investigating how to measure the area of different shapes.

Writing

Our Spring unit is linked to 'The Rule of the People: Democracy' so we will be aiming to create various writing pieces based on Ancient Greece. We will create our own Greek myth and perform a Greek monologue. These creative writing pieces will contain a variety of grammar and vocabulary taught within the lessons, for example apostrophes for possession.

Computing

In Computing, children will be exploring the 'I Can Animate' App which will be introduced, so they are able to develop and record their very own stop-motion animation!

Reading

We will aim to strengthen our current skills and deepen our understanding of a particular text. This will be achieved by asking deeper level questions about the text read, making inferences based on the character's thoughts and feelings and by reinforcing our evaluative skills. We will apply this to both fiction and non-

Science

We will link our Science to our History unit of "Rule of the People" and explore the Roman invention of central heating and its links to states of matter. The children will explore a variety of materials as well as observing water as a solid, liquid and gas. We will investigate this through a number of physical experiments.

Music

This half term Year 4 will be looking at music from different genres to inspire their creativity as they create songs of their own. They will begin to use Garageband to see how technology can be used in music.

This half term in Year 4...

History and Geography

This Spring, our unit is based on 'The Rule of the People'. We will become historians and geographers by using a range of primary and secondary sources to ask questions about the start of democracy in Ancient Greece to the streets of Rome. We will be understanding how timelines work by creating our own and labelling key events. Then, we will compare the democracy in Ancient Greece and Rome with our current democracy.

Art

Linking to our Spring unit of 'The Rule of the People', our Art lessons will comprise of understanding the purpose, features and designs of Ancient Greek pottery. We will evaluate the style used to design our own. We will also have the chance to design our own Ancient Greek theatre masks!

Religious Education

We will be focusing on answering our big question of 'What is the importance of symbols, beliefs and teachings in Hinduism?' We will learn about the religion of Hinduism, place of worship and the Festival of Raksha Bandhan!

We are reading:



Just a reminder...



Can you please check your child's clothes regularly to ensure they are labelled so they are easily identifiable.

Please ensure that your child is wearing their P.E. kit on **Wednesday** for their lesson.