All Saints CE School, Bishop's Stortford

YEAR 4

GREECE IS THE WORD!

Some information to help you support your child this term.

Autumn 2020

CORE SUBJECTS

Maths

This term we will be studying a wide range of mathematical processes.

Children will be developing calculation skills in all four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be learning the grid method for multiplying, chunking for division, decomposition for subtraction and carrying for addition.

We will be making a big push on mastering our times tables so the children can recall all their facts by the end of the year.

The children will also learn to calculate area and apply these skills through reasoning and problem solving activities.

English

In English this term, we will be writing stories that use familiar settings as well as reports and mythical stories about Ancient Greece. We will be writing poetry using figurative language to create images.

This year there is a greater focus on grammar and this term the children will deepen their understanding of adverbs and adjectives, prepositions and conjunctions.

The children will learn specific spelling rules and patterns and also have a list of key words to learn every other week.

Please read with your child as much as possible and sign the reading record book. If they finish their book, ask them questions about what they have read. Reading books will only be changed if they are signed by an adult at home.

Science

This term's science focus is animals and humans. The children will study the human digestive system and how food is transported around the body and compare diets of herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. They will also be investigating how to keep teeth healthy.

You can talk about how you keep your body healthy and, in particular, what we can do to keep our teeth healthy. Do you have any tricks that you use to do this?

Computing

Our focus this term will be on developing a greater understanding of the internet and learning the difference between the web and internet.

The children will learn more about staying safe online and how to behave respectfully and responsibly .

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Topic Focus

We will be studying the history and geography of the Ancient Greek era.

We will be learning about the Ancient Greek way of life, religious beliefs and crafts.

RE

What can Christians learn from the Creation Story?

In this unit we will explore Bible stories from Genesis. We will be exploring what Christians believe God is like, how the story of Adam and Eve can teach Christians to forgive and also how Christians do their best to listen to God.

What is the Trinity?

In this unit we will be exploring Jesus as one of the three persons of the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Music and French

French

We will learn about pets, colours and days of the week, whilst continuing to practise what we know.

Music

This term we will be learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with the well-known song 'Mamma Mia', as well as listening and appraising more ABBA hits. Later in the term, we will learn about the language of music through playing the glockenspiel.

Art

In Art, we are going to be working with clay to create pots based on ancient Greek designs. We will be learning a range of techniques to mould and shape the air-drying clay and will be finishing our designs with paintings based on Ancient Greek images.

D&T

Our Art and DT will link closely this term as we think about how to design and make an attractive and useful pot.

This will include designing our pots with a specific purpose in mind, and then evaluating the finished product to establish whether it has met this criteria.