

Welcome to Year 4!





Teachers...

Mr Graham (Class 9) and Ms Callaby (Class 10)

Ms Khan – (Class 9 and 10)



Our Timings: 8.40am – 3.10pm

What will my child be learning?

In Autumn term, our topic is ancient Greece. We will be learning about early democracy, art, theatre, war and much more in this era. This topic involves a fantastic trip to Leeds City Museum which will be in October and expert visitors. We had our first visitor yesterday so look out for photos of what we did on the class pages of our website.

Home learning mats can be found in the home learning diary and are added to the class page on the school website each half term, linking to the new topic.

Year 4 home learning grid

Topic Vocabulary

Reliability

The quality of being trustworthy or of performing consistently well.

Evaluate

To judge or determine the significance, worth or quality

Democratic/democracy

A system of government by the whole population or the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives.

Ruling Power

The ruling group of people in a country is the group that controls its affairs.

Law

A system of rules created and enforced through social or governmental institutions to regulate behaviour that everyone must obey.

Council: A special group of elected people who make important decisions about a town.

Useful Weblinks

https://www.ducksters.com/history/ancient_greece.php

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39>

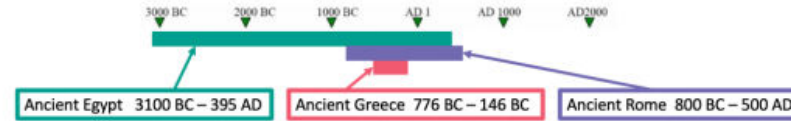
<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Greece.html>

<https://www.historyforkids.net/ancient-greek-towns.html>



Autumn Term 1 History Learning Grid for Year 4

Ancient Greece



Facts to learn

Ancient Greece is a civilisation that started 2000 to 2500 years ago and ended in 146 BC. In ancient Greek times the land was known as Hellas and is known as one of the greatest civilisations in world history. It is known as the 'birthplace' of western civilisation and led the way in art, architecture, politics and science as well as many other things.

Athens was the home of the first democracy which they called 'demokratia' meaning rule of the people. This meant that all the citizens in Athens met together regularly, to decide how the city should be run. Only free adult males could vote or hold public office. Women could not vote and slaves were not regarded as citizens at all.

Home Learning Challenge Ideas - These are just suggestions because there is so much you could choose to find out about and do 😊

- Make a fact file about an aspect of ancient Greece that particularly interests you
- Write a poem inspired by a myth
- Build an ancient Greek temple
- Make your own amphitheatre
- Create a poster to advertise the ancient Greek Olympic Games
- Write a diary entry from the point of view of someone living in ancient Greece
- Research what foods were popular in ancient Greece and recreate one of the dishes
- Write and perform a scene of a play inspired by Ancient Greek theatre

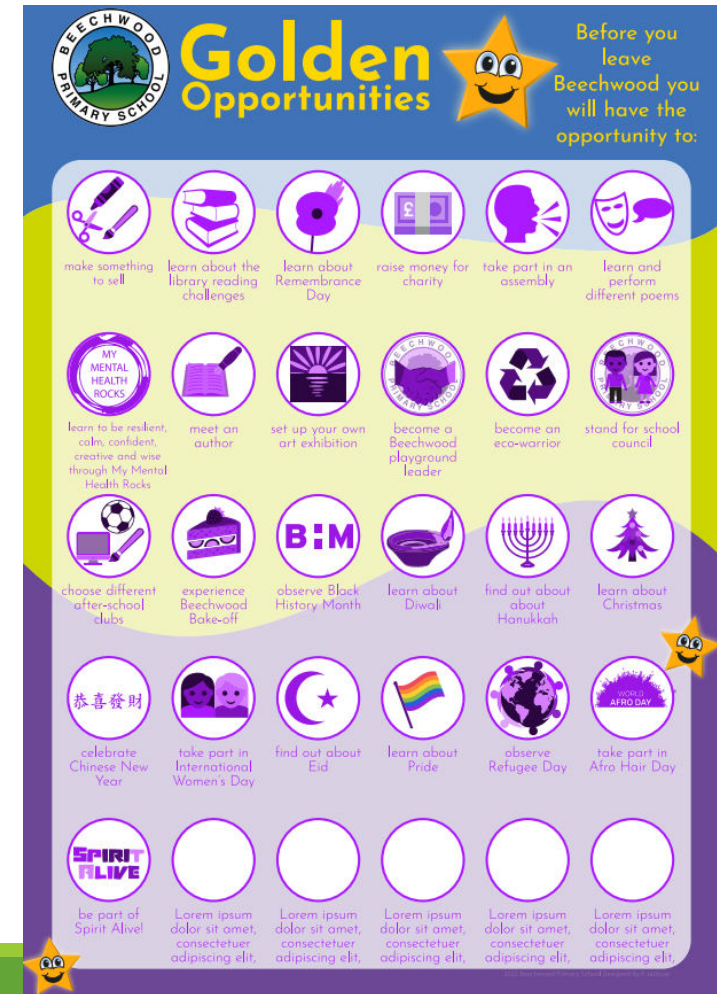
We would love to see any of your own topic work that you choose to do at home. We are looking forward to sharing what you do and displaying it on the Beechwood Website. You should also write what you have done in your home learning book.

We also have Golden Opportunities which they will tick off as the year progresses. These can also be found in the home learning diaries alongside our Beechwood Golden Opportunities which children will tick off by the end of their time at Beechwood.

Year 4 Golden Opportunities



Beechwood Golden Opportunities



How can I support my child at home?

Spellings are given out every Monday and children should practise these at home as well as at school. They should bring completed spellings back on Friday for our spelling test.

Maths homework will be set weekly on Mondays and is due back the following Monday.

Please record homework and home reading in the home learning diaries and make sure your child brings these to school each day.

Please continue to practise times tables with your child- up to 12×12 , both multiplication and division facts.

Statutory testing

The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is a key stage 2 assessment taken by Year 4 pupils at the end of year 4 (in June). The MTC's purpose is to check whether their times tables knowledge is at the expected level. This is done in all primary schools in England.

The Multiplication Times Tables Check is an online test where children are asked 25 questions on times tables 2 to 12.

For every question, children have 6 seconds to answer, and in between the questions, there is a 3-second rest.

A good way to prepare is to start early and build a daily routine practising the times tables. This will be a big focus of homework and arithmetic lessons in school and you can help your child by practicing regularly at home too.

Hit the Button, Sound Check on TTR and www.timestables.co.uk

Swimming

Swimming takes place at Fearnville Leisure Centre and this is part of the KS2 P.E. National Curriculum. Each class will swim for a 30-minute session each Wednesday morning except for the first and last week of each full term. The lessons are taught by trained swimming teachers from the pool and Beechwood staff. The children are split into smaller groups for the lessons.

Pupils need to bring a towel to school each week in a bag that they can put their clothes in. They do not need any money.

Please send children to school wearing their swimming costumes under their normal clothes as this makes changing at the pool more efficient.



Where can I find out about events in school?

Important dates will be sent out via the school newsletter.

Class pages are updated regularly on the school website showing photos and updates of what your children have been learning about in school. We also have an Awards page to celebrate certificate winners each week.

Texts are sent home via my school app so please make sure you are signed up to this.



What can my child bring to school?

Children are asked to bring a water bottle into school each day.

Children should bring their home learning diary to school each day- please record any home learning and reading completed at home in these. Teachers will check these weekly.

Please make sure your child wears PE kit on Tuesday and for swimming on Wednesday.

The Year 4 Lake District Residential

This is a fantastic one night residential in May that connects to our summer term topic.

We leave school at 8.30am on day one and arrive back to school at about 5.30pm on day two. We stay in Hawkshead Youth Hostel and spend our time exploring the area around the youth hostel and doing activities in the town of Keswick.

The children sleep in dormitories with their friends and all food is provided by the Youth Hostel Staff.

More information will follow about this trip soon. Please see Miss Callaby if you have any questions.



Who can I speak to?

Your child's teacher and teaching assistant will be available to speak to quickly on the playground in the morning and afternoon.

For any bigger queries or conversations, please speak to, phone, or email our office team and they can arrange a meeting or a phone call with your child's class teacher.

Attendance

In order for your child to enjoy all that is on offer at Beechwood and to ensure that they make the excellent progress that we know they can, it is important that they are in school each day on time. We have many exciting attendance rewards.

Just a few from last year were:

Cinema vouchers

Slime

Bubble football

*Thank you for coming and helping us to support
your child in Year 4 😊*