

Welcome to Year 4!



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 more in this era. This topic involves a fantastic trip to Leeds City Museum and interactive visits from historians.

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.

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 sent home every Monday and children should practise these each night. They should bring completed spellings back on Friday for their spelling test.

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

Children are asked to read at least 3 times a week and this should be recorded in their home learning diaries.

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

Children can access TT Rock Stars and Bug Club from home.

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>

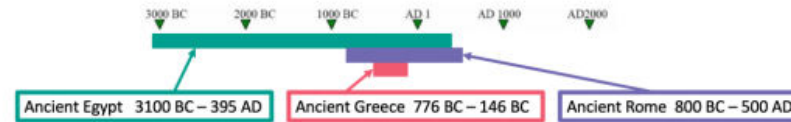
<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Greece.html>

<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.

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 our office team and they can arrange a meeting or a phone call with your child's class teacher.

A member of our SLT will be available each morning on the school grounds.

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 happens before and after school?

All children will wait on the playground accompanied by an adult.

We ask that no ball games are played before or after school and children must not play on the adventure trail or climb on the walls, ensuring safety of pupils and adults.

Class teachers will come out to collect their class at 8:50am and children will line up.

At home time, classes will be brought out to the playground and teachers will allow them to leave when they see a parent/carer.

What do I need to do if I would like my child to walk home from school without an adult?

If you would like to provide permission for your child to walk home alone, please speak to our office team who will provide you with a form to sign.

Can my child cycle to school?

We encourage children to cycle and have areas where they can store their bikes however advise that children provide locks for their bikes. Bikes are stored at your own risk.

Bikes are not allowed to be ridden on school grounds.

What do I do if my child is being collected by someone else?

Please contact the office to inform us if someone other than a parent or carer is collecting your child that day. We are not allowed to let children leave without permission.

What can my child bring to school?

Children are asked to bring a water bottle into school each day. We ask that these contain water (no sugary drinks are allowed).

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.

Your child should not bring a mobile phone (or smart watch) to school.

School visits!

School visits have been carefully planned to complement our school curriculum.

In year 4 we visit Leeds City Museum, our local area and The Lake District.

More information will follow and you can pay this via parent pay. Please see the office team if you need any support with this.

We also have visits and workshops from-
Matthew Bellwood

The DEC

Other opportunities

School Council

Eco club

After school clubs

Place to talk

My mental health rocks

Artis

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

Statutory testing

The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is a key stage 2 assessment to be 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. Questions about the 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12 times table come up more often. The questions are generated randomly based on the rules of the MTC.

A good way to prepare is to start early and build a daily routine practising the times tables. With regular practise, they will learn all the questions and gain confidence. We suggest practising 10 to 15 minutes a day for optimal results.

Swimming

Swimming will take 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 one-piece swimming costume/swimming shorts and a towel to school each week. Goggles are optional however many children find wearing these improves their confidence when swimming underwater. 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 much more efficient. Please ensure children have the appropriate clothing in their bags to put on afterwards.

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