



Year 4 Newsletter: 07.10.22



St Paul's Class: Mrs Lee

St Therese's Class: Miss Barrett

Key dates and events:

Week Beginning 10th October: Week of Prayer - we will be making rosaries and learning Hail Holy Queen in class.

Wednesday 9th November 2022: Year 4 Mass at Our Lady of the Annunciation (Parents are welcome)

Next Week's Curriculum:

ENGLISH: Next week, we will continue reading the Greek myth, Odysseus.

Reading focus: Retrieval of key facts / Exploring author's choice of language

Writing focus: Exploring Language

Grammar focus: Fronted adverbials

Spelling focus: Common Exception Words revision / adding suffixes to words with more than one syllable - revision of our 4 week unit spelling words.

MATHS: Next week we will be Compare & classify geometric shapes, including quadrilaterals & triangles, based on their properties & sizes.

SCIENCE TOPIC: Could we cope without electricity for one day?

Next week we will be looking into the discoveries made by Michael Faraday and Thomas Edison.

R.E TOPIC: Called

Next week we will begin our new topic on being called. We will discuss the fact People are chosen for different things at different times and people are chosen for different reasons. people are called to help or contribute in a special way.

P.E TOPIC: Fitness

Next week we will be continuing to develop our stamina and fitness using a carousel of activities. We will be working on supporting and encouraging others and persevering even when they get tired.

HISTORY TOPIC: What was the Legacy of the Ancient Greeks?

Next week we will be learning what the Ancient Greek gods were known for.

RSHE: We will be reflecting on the responsibilities of the Prime Minister, using the materials from the Votes for Schools programme.

FRENCH: This term, the children will be taught by Madame Severine alongside their class teacher. The focus will be on learning to speak about their favourite pets and animals they like/dislike. They will also learn how to say the days of the week and their birthday.

Soundstart: Each week, the children will be learning to play their instrument within a group setting with a specialist music teacher from Soundstart. They will also learn how to hold, care for and pack away their instrument safely.

HOMEWORK – DUE BY WEDNESDAY 12th OCTOBER

READING: Your child has been provided with a reading book and their reading journals have been returned to them. Please make a note of the date, book title, pages read and comment briefly on how well they have read to you. You could note how fluent their reading was, if they are enjoying it and any words you have helped them read or understand. Your child should be reading at least 20 MINS PER DAY.

SPELLING: Please see the spelling sheet/s your child has been given. Please practise these with your child in preparation for a test on Friday.

Group 1 have been given a revision sheet of all their spellings from this unit. They should practise all of the spellings they have found most challenging. We will be giving them an end of unit spelling test on Friday 14th October. (Some also have a tick sheet of common exception words to continue working on).

Group 2 were provided with a tick sheet of common exception words last week which they should continue to work through each week, until they can spell all words correctly. This week they have a spelling sheet of sentences to complete in their pink books. They will be tested on these words on Friday 14th October.

MATHS: Your child has been given a maths sheet to complete based on multiplying (green and Purple groups) or subtraction (Red group). This is to consolidate the work we have done in class this week. The answers will be posted on our Year Group **Gsuite site on Monday** so that your child can mark their work before handing it in on Wednesday. Our Gsuite site can be accessed via our school website <https://www.thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk/> Your child's login details are stuck on the back page of their Reading Record Books.

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HALF TERMLY PROJECT: Due on 19th October

This half term our history topic is based on the Ancient Greeks. We would like the children to produce a project that they work on over the next 6 weeks and hand in on Wednesday 19th October. They may want to produce drawings, captions and information sentences/paragraphs on the following:

- Where Greece is on the map
- The city states - e.g Sparta, Corinth etc
- What jobs they had for men and women
- What children did in Ancient Greece
- What their clothes were like
- What they did in their spare time / for entertainment
- The Olympics and the legacy passed onto us today
- What they believed in / mythology
- Famous people from Ancient Greek times. Please use the pink homework book your child has been provided with. We would advise that they complete some work each week to contribute towards their finished project. There is no expected amount of work as we recognise that each child works differently, although we ask that they keep to a maximum of 6 pages!

