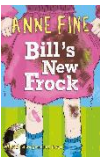
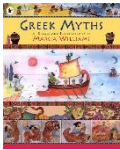




## Year 4 Curriculum Overview for Parents

### Autumn 1 2023

What will your child be learning this half term?

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| <p><b>Guided Reading</b> – This half term we will be reading ‘Bill’s New Frock’ by Anne Fine together in class.</p>  <p>We will work on developing our comprehension skills by focusing on Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation and Summarising.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p><b>Religious Education (R.E.)</b> – We will start the year by learning about our school patron saint – St. Joseph and go on to learn about our class saint– St. Pio. Our first RE unit focusses on ‘Creation and the Story of Abraham to Joseph’. We will learn the story of Creation in detail, consider what it means to be made in the image and likeness of God and study some of the stories from the Old Testament.</p> |
| <p><b>Writing –</b></p> <p>The focus book for our writing this half term is ‘Greek Myths’; a comic-style book filled with lots of these traditional stories.</p>  <p>Fiction: Defeat the Monster tale<br/>We will look at the the description within the text, which will support the children’s learning to write in complete paragraphs and use punctuation correctly.</p> <p>Non-fiction: non-chronological report about a mythical creature focussing on themed paragraphs, use of commas and language features of a report.</p> <p><b>Our grammar focus will be:</b><br/>Conjunctions, expanded noun phrases/adjectives, similes, fronted adverbials<br/>Non-Fiction focus : generalisers, adverbs</p> | <p><b>Maths –</b></p> <p><b>Our first unit in Maths in Year 4 is Numbers to 10 000’. We will explore the values of digits, rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000, ordering a sequence of numbers and be able to apply this as we move on to addition and subtraction problems.</b></p>                                                                                                                                        |
| <p><b>Spelling, Punctuation &amp; Grammar –</b></p> <p>Words spelt au, prefixes il/im/in, homophones and near homophones, words ‘shun’ spelt –sion.</p> <p><b>Sentence types, word classes, apostrophe function, expanded noun phrases, punctuating speech.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p><b>Mental Maths -</b></p> <p>This half term we will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• mental addition and subtraction within 100.</li><li>• multiplication and division facts linked to the 3, 4, 6 and 8 times tables.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p><b>History -</b> this half term we are learning all about Ancient Greece. We will be exploring the city-states, government, battles, beliefs and key figures such as Alexander the Great.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p><b>Science –</b> we are studying States of Matter this half term. We will be learning what these are, how their particles and qualities differ from each other, how they change from one to the other and about the water cycle.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p><b>Physical Education (P.E.)</b></p> <p>Children will need their PE kit in school on <b>Mondays and Thursdays</b>: red round-necked PE top, navy shorts, plain black pumps.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p><b>French –</b> Understand that adjectives change depending on whether they are describing a boy or girl, for example: sérieux and sérieuse.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| <p><b>This half term in PE we are studying invasion games focusing on football and basketball. Children will develop skills such as passing, shooting and dribbling in isolation and progress into small sided games with an emphasis placed on teamwork, understanding of the games rules and demonstrating good sporting values.</b></p> | <p>Correctly identify a person from a description of their hair and eye colour.<br/>Place word cards in the correct order, with the adjectives following the noun.<br/>Give a spoken sentence to describe a friend.<br/>Write four sentences accurately with the correct adjectival agreement, helped by a support sheet.</p> |
| <p><b>Personal, Social &amp; Health Education (PSHE) – Class rules, school mission, British Values, growth mind set, diversity and meta-cognition.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p><b>Art / DT – We will be developing our art skills using pencil and other materials.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p><b>Computing – We will remind ourselves about the importance of keeping safe online – keeping our passwords safe and learning how the internet can be used in different ways for communication.</b></p>                                                                                                                                 | <p><b>Music – we are working at developing our confidence with playing solo sections from pieces of music.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

| Other Important Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <p><b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September – whole school mass 2:30pm</b><br/> <b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Greek Temples virtual visit in school</b><br/> <b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Family Mass at St Joseph’s Darlaston 8:30am</b><br/> <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Science and Computing workshop in school</b><br/> <b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September – school photographer all day</b><br/> <b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – KS2 parents’ evening 2-6pm (Appointments will be available to book online nearer the time.)</b><br/> <b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Macmillan cake sale 3:15pm</b><br/> <b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Harvest Mass 2:15pm</b><br/> <b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Year 4 trip to Woodlands Adventure until 4:15pm</b><br/> <b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Dance workshop in school</b><br/> <b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Year 4 to Mass at St Joseph’s Darlaston</b></p> <p><b>Homework in Year 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Children are expected to read every day for 15 - 20 minutes – please sign your child’s planner to show that this has been completed.</li> <li>● Spellings will be stuck into planners and shared on the class page of the school website. Please help your child to learn these spellings at home. Spelling tests will take place on Wednesdays each week.</li> <li>● Mental Maths – The focus for the mental maths test each week will be stuck into planners and displayed on the class website page. Please help your child to practise at home. Mental Maths tests will take place on Fridays each week.</li> </ul> <p>We hope your child settles well into Year 4. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to one of us at the end of the school day or contact the school office to make an appointment- we are here to help.</p> <p>Miss Goodwin and Mrs Applegarth</p> |