



Year 4 Homework Letter - Friday 18th October 2024

Our Learning This Week

Maths

In Maths this week, the children continued to focus on subtraction and addition. Having explored both mental and written methods for both operations, the children were encouraged to make choices about which method is most appropriate for a given calculation. Children can often become reliant on formal written methods, so it is important to explicitly highlight where mental strategies or less formal jottings can be more efficient.

English

In English this week the children have been learning how to write a formal letter teaching the Varmints how to care for the plants he saved from his world. Part of this work has also involved reading non-fiction texts about plants to give the children the information they needed to be able to write the contents of their letters.

History

This week, the children learnt all about the Olympics in Ancient Greece and compared the games to the modern day Olympics. Through this they were able to see the similarities and differences between the games then and now.

Ancient Greek Day

The children are looking forward to our Ancient Greek Day on Thursday 24th October when we shall spend the morning learning about Greek theatre and in the afternoon Greek philosophy. The children will also have an opportunity to taste a platter of typically Greek food. It would be fantastic for the children to come dressed up on the day, please see below a link to a short video on how to make a Greek toga out of a pillowcase!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9BI44dbt->

Love Project - Operation Christmas Child

As part of our 'Love Project' for the Autumn term we are asking families to support Operation Christmas Child which aims to provide children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster or famine with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. This year, in conjunction with Christ Church, we have provided each class with three Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. We are asking for children to bring in a couple of items suitable for boys or girls between the ages of 5 and 9 to fill these boxes. Please find a list of gift suggestions on the Samaritan's Purse website:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox/>
All items need to be brought into school by Friday 15th November. Thank you in advance for your support.

Homework

The English activities are to learn Autumn 1 Week 5 spellings and to read each evening for 15-20 minutes. For Maths, the children must practise all of their times tables on Purple Mash.

Dates for your Diary

21.10.24 - Nasal Flu Vaccination
24.10.24 - Ancient Greek Day (costume)
25.10.24 - INSET Day
11 - 15.11.24 - Anti Bullying Week (wear odd socks on the Friday!)
28.10 - 01.11.24 - Half term break
18.11.24 - School Photographer - Individual
20.11.24 - Wellbeing Wednesday Yr 4 (Full P.E kit)
22.11.24 - PTFA Non-uniform Day - Sweets for Christmas Fair
25 to 27.11.24 - Parent and Carer Evenings
3.30pm - 6.00pm