







Welcome to Oaks

We hope you enjoyed the summer holidays and are now ready for an exciting Autumn term. Having been to Greece over the holiday I am really excited that our main topic is Ancient Greece. I won't sit them through my whole photo album but it was incredible to visit some of the ancient temples.

Mrs Moss will be teaching in class everyday except Thursday morning, when Mrs Hill will teach.

Mrs Moss	Mrs Hill	Mrs Smith	Mrs Monger	Mrs Bater	Mrs Squire
					
Monday-Friday Except Thurs am	Monday am Thursday am	Tuesday - Friday am	Monday- Wednesday and Friday pm	Wednesday pm	Friday am



In History and English we will delve into the amazing world of Greek myths and Gods and Goddesses. Hopefully they have shared the fascinating myth of Theseus and the Minotaur this week. We will see how people lived in Ancient Greece, the food they ate, the clothes they wore, how the lives of children were different from today and we will see the lasting legacies of the Greeks. This will also be the main focus on their residential to Hooke Court. Our English lessons will relate to our topic and revolve around fiction texts set in both ancient and modern times and, of course,

we will use non-fiction texts to support their learning and presenting information. Moving into year 4, children need to work hard to consolidate their use of punctuation and continue to expand their use of vocabulary. Improving their written work and correcting punctuation and spelling errors is a key skill they will continue to develop. Spellings will again be directed at their own level, so we will test the year group statutory spellings at the start of term and they will come home with a list of words to work at home during the term. This will run along with the spelling, vocabulary and phonics lessons that happen in the school. Please support your child to learn these important words at home.



Maths will continue building on skills from year 3 working towards a variety of methods for written and mental calculations. Fluency with their knowledge of the times tables remains a key skill which we will focus on. In the summer term, children will participate in a Multiplication Tables Check. Which is a statutory test and covers multiplication and division up to x12. Times Table Rock Stars will be used regularly at school, but please encourage them to log in at home. If you need their log in details again, please let me know. My TTRS

Studio speed had slipped down to 5th in the class by the end of the Summer term so I have been doing my homework. 😊

Mrs Hill will teach Science on a Thursday. Our themes for this term are Sound and States of Matter. We'll investigate how sound travels, what changes different sounds, and how different musical instruments create sounds. Our topic of states of matter will focus on the grouping of materials into solids, liquids and gases and which materials change their state when heated and cooled. Using the right vocabulary will be important especially when explaining their observations so these words will be sent home during the term.



We will be swimming this term and a separate letter will come home with more information on this. Please can children have a complete change of physical education kit (plain white t-shirt, blue or black shorts or leggings, trainers) at school every day. I will encourage the children to change into trainers for their daily 10-minute run/ exercise. They will also have Craig Pemberthy every third week for a full afternoon of PE, this term's focus is on invasion games and then gymnastics

RE will focus on the beliefs of Christians and Hindus. At all times, children will be expected to respect different opinions to their own and our PSHE supports children to identify their own feelings and deal with different points of view in a positive way.

In music the children will be learning the recorder. They will be learning to read music and musical vocabulary. I will send out a separate letter to get your permission for them to bring the recorder home and resend their Charanga passwords so that they can log on and practise and perform for you at home. They will need to bring their recorder into school on Fridays.

Creative Thursday will continue in class and Art lessons will link the ancient Greeks.

French will continue to be taught by Madame Wilkinson with the children beginning to focus more on written French as well as developing their spoken French.

We look forward to seeing you for our 'Meet the Teacher' meeting on Monday 18th September 2.45pm. It will be a great opportunity for you to come into their class, ask us any questions and find out about end of year expectations.

A massive experience in Year 4 is their residential trip to Hooke Court. Unfortunately, due to my own family circumstances I can't go with the children although will be joining them on the Tuesday for a full day of activities. Lots of you have made full or part-payments already- thank you. If the remaining money could be paid as soon as possible that would be gratefully appreciated, or come and speak to someone in the office if there are any problems. When staffing is finalised, I will let you know the date for an after school meeting where we can let you know exactly what will be happening while they are away. Obviously, if there is anything you need to know before that do get in touch.

Children have been provided with their own pack of resources, including pencils, coloured crayons, rulers etc, but they may still wish to bring their own small pencil cases to school. These must be small enough to fit on their trays please. All children need a named drink

bottle and clothes (especially jumpers, cardigans and coats) need to be named too thank you.

We are changing how homework is delivered this year. As mentioned they will have their year group specific spelling list to bring home. Guided reading will be on a weekly basis with extra whole class reading happening within our learning. The children will have a reading journal to complete their weekly reading task in. The little yellow book, which you will hopefully have seen already, is for them and you to record any reading done at home. We will also write in it when we have read with them at school. Children need to be learning their Times tables and they have started learning times table songs already. Extra tasks, linked to our Maths learning in school, will also be sent home. These will be practical and written tasks that will build on their previous learning as well as show you the end of unit expectations. If you wish to show them exploring this learning in any other way, do feel free to attach or email me photos or videos.

It's always great to hear that the children are talking about their learning at home, so I'll keep the website updated with what's happening in class and hope this will prompt them and encourage them to share what they've been doing. Our class email year4@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk and is a way to get in touch with me, but I am available after school any day if you want to speak face to face.

We hope the children have had a good first few days back and aren't too exhausted this evening.

Best wishes

Natalie Moss, Sam Hill, Ginette Smith, Jo Monger, Louise Bater and Cindy Squire