

# Exciting events to look out for...

**Marlborough LitFest:** Thursday 27th – 30th September

**Wednesday 17th October:** Harvest Lunch

**End of Term 1:** Wednesday 24th October 2018

**Start of Term 2:** Monday 5th November 2018

**End of Term 2:** Friday 21st December 2018—finish at 1:15pm

**Start of Term 3:** Monday 7th January 2019.

## Dropping off

**We will be expecting children to come into Year 4 by themselves.**

This means parents and carers will need to say goodbye outside of the classroom in the mornings and children are responsible for bringing their own things inside the classroom.

This is to foster their independence and help to make them more organised!

However, if you urgently need to speak to the class teacher please do pop in or make an appointment to see us after school.

Thank you for your support.

## Window on the World And Incredible Journeys



## Year 4

## Mallard and Teal Class

## Term 1 and 2 2018/2019

# Questions to Explore

Where have you been in the World?



Where would you like to travel to and why?

What do you know about Greece?

What would you like to know about Ancient Greece?

Who are the Greek heroes and which mythical beasts did they defeat?

## HOMWORK

**Homework is important as it consolidates your child's learning.**

Appropriate, differentiated English and Maths homework will be given out on a Friday and will be due in on the following Wednesday.

There is an expectation that all homework will be completed so if you are unsure about any aspect of the homework please talk to a member of staff.

## READING

Hearing your child read is **vitaly important**. The expectation is your child reads **at least 3-4 times a week** and they will be rewarded with a house point each week that this is achieved. Please continue to hear them read and **discuss** their books every day.

***Children who read for pleasure are more likely to achieve well at school so share bedtime stories and visit the local library.***

**Books will be changed on ANY day.**

We will be introducing **Flashlight Friday** - an opportunity for the children to read using their torches. The children are encouraged to bring in a selection of books, magazines or comics of their choice to read. Please could you support this event by sending in a small torch, book light or head torch named for your child to use during Friday reading time only.

### English:

This term we will be making pop up books inline with the topic 'Window on the World'. Each child will produce a book based on the Greek myth of Icarus - the boy who flew to close to the sun. The children's books will then be entered into a competition devised by the Marlborough LitFest. The winning entries will be on display in the Town Hall from 27th-30th September 2018 inclusive.

This will lead us into creating an information text on Modern day Greece and then onto Ancient Greece to find out about the terrifying battles that took place between Gods and mythical creatures.

### Maths:

Our main focus for the next two terms will be place value, specifically looking at 1000s, 100s, 10s and 1s. We will be using Roman numerals to write numbers up to 100 (I to C) and children will learn that over time, the numeral system changed to include the concept of 0 and place value.

Addition and subtraction will follow, then length and perimeter in measurement.

Finally, multiplication and division.

**Help your child to learn their times tables by regularly practising them at home, singing in the car or even at breakfast time!**

### Science:

Scientists at the ready — we will be investigating sound in Term 1 and will identify how sounds are made, finding patterns between pitch and the object that produce the sound, and patterns between volume and strength of the vibrations that produce it.

Term 2 we will be comparing solids, liquids and gases in 'States of Matter'. We will understand that some materials change state when heated or cooled.



### PE:

it is important that PE kits are in school at all times as PE days will vary. We will send them home to be washed in the October half term.

### Music:

We will be listening to Greek music and comparing our own melodies.

### Art/DT:

We will be making pop-up books, and use watercolours to create our own scenic pictures of the Greek islands.

**Geography :** We will be locating Greece on the World map and identifying Europe in the Northern hemisphere. Looking at geographical similarities, comparing human geography and looking at tourism between Greece and the UK.

**History:** In term 2, we will be studying Ancient Greece to find out about everyday life.

**RE:** We will be exploring the religion of Judaism and the relationship that Jews have with God.

In term 2, our focus will be Christianity.

**ICT:** We will be learning about programming and will be revising editing tools to design an information sheet on Greece.

**PSHE:** The theme for Term 1 is 'Our Happy School' which encourages the class to set and follow class rules. In term 2 we will look at staying safe during the Winter months and changes in friendships.