

CURRICULUM LETTER

Year 4 - Summer 1



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Dear Parents / Carers of Exwick Heights Year 4 pupils,

This half term in **English**, we will be linking our writing to our history topic, exploring a range of Greek myths, such as 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. We will learn how to create exciting characters including heros and monsters, as well as developing story structures in order to write our very own Greek myth. We will also be studying poetry linked to Rivers, focusing on poetic structure, rhythm and performance.

Supporting learning at home: Please encourage your child to practice their spellings using *SPELLING SHED*.



Reading themes this half term will include songs, habitats, money and novels. We encourage children to read widely at home and explore different genres whilst developing their expression by reading to family members.

Supporting learning at home: *The benefits of reading cannot be underestimated. Please ensure that you share a love of reading with your child and read with them whenever you can.*

In **maths**, we will begin learning about decimals. We will focus on place value and understanding tenths and hundredths. All Year 4 children are expected to know all times tables by the summer term and will be formally assessed on them.

Supporting learning at home: Please help your child by encouraging them to go on *SPARX* and *Sumdog*.



In **science**, we will be studying light and shadows. We will learn all about how light travels and our how eyes work in order to let us see. We will learn about what a shadow is and have lots of fun investigating shadows and how they behave. Finally, we will learn how to keep ourselves safe from UV rays from the sun.

Supporting learning at home: *Encourage your child to bring a hat to school and to understand the importance of putting sunscreen on in the morning.*

Our **history** topic this half term is Ancient Greece. We will be learning about what life was like in Ancient Greece as well as Greek mythology. We will explore how archaeologists use artefacts such as pottery to learn about the past. We will find out about ancient Greek society and how life was very different. We will also learn about the Olympics and Alexander the Great.

Supporting learning at home: *Visit the local museum with your child to see artefacts from history topics they have studied.*



In **Art**, we will be explore how to make ancient Egyptian scrolls. This will include exploring ancient Egyptian art and creating our own paper. We will also complete a special art project linked to our history unit and create our own Ancient Greek style pots.

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In **PE**, we will be heading outdoors for both weekly lessons! We will be learning all about how to play tennis and the rules of the game. On the field, we will be focusing on athletics in preparation for sports day.

Supporting learning at home: *Fitness can be supported by walking, scootering or cycling to school.*

Our **PSHE** focus is 'Relationships' where the children will be discussing how to deal with friendship conflicts, show respect and how to help themselves when they feel hurt or upset. We will learn about different types of relationships such as families and friendships and how to be kind and supportive to each other.



Supporting learning at home: *Help your child identify where respect is shown in family relationships and how it helps to support each other.*



In **RE**, our focus is **Christianity**. In this unit, we will explore the question 'What kind of world would Jesus want?' We will explore the teachings of Jesus in the Bible and learn about how these teachings shape how Christians live today. We will learn about how some Bible stories relate to the world today and why the Bible is so important to Christians.

Supporting learning at home: *Talk to your child about how you make decisions and what shapes how you live as a family.*

In **music**, we will be learning all about rock and roll! We will explore the history of this exciting genre from the 50s looking at famous artists including Elvis Presley and Buddy Holly. We will be singing, dancing and preparing a performance to show others. Rock on!



Supporting learning at home: *Supervise your child's access to YouTube to enjoy sharing this genre of music with you.*



In **French**, we will be learning how to describe people. We will learn about how to describe hair colour and clothes. We will also learn some key vocabulary to describe ourselves and others, such as, the words for freckles, glasses and pierced ears. We will practise our conversation skills by describing our appearance to others.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher directly or email admin@exwickheights.devon.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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