



**Nevill Road Junior School**  
**Autumn Half Term 2017**



**Welcome to Year 4**

Our topic this term is 'Why were the Ancient Greeks great heroes?'

This half term we will be focussing on the following areas and skills:

**English**

Our first unit of work is based around monsters, myths and legends. Within this, we will focus on writing description and how to make it effective.

We will continue to work on spelling, punctuation and grammar throughout the half term. In addition, we will have a strong focus on handwriting with the intention that the children will receive their pen license this year!

**Maths**

In Maths we will look at different aspects of number and place value, multiplication and division, geometry, fractions, measurements and statistics.

We have introduced the White Rose scheme for our maths lessons. It uses sequences of progression, prioritises the teaching of core numeracy and focuses on deepening children's understanding of mathematical concepts.

**Science and Topic**

This term in History we are learning about Ancient Greece. We will discover who the Ancient Greeks were and what we learnt from them. The children will have the opportunity to research and present information in groups.



**PE days and what we are doing**

**Outdoor P.E. - Mondays**

This will be led by a qualified coach.

**Swimming - Wednesdays**

Swimming will take place at Hazel Grove swimming baths during the morning sessions. The last session for Year 4 is on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

All PE kits should be clearly named. Children may not wear **ANY** jewellery when doing PE, so earrings should either be left at home that day or children will need to be able to remove them themselves. Please ensure your child has the correct kit for both indoor and outdoor PE.

Please ensure that your child has their reading book and reading record in school every day.

### Homework

On a Friday, the children will be given a maths task and spellings to practise and learn. These will need to be returned on Wednesday.

In addition, there will be a half termly activity matrix with lots of different ideas for tasks based on our *Ancient Greek* topic. The children will be asked to choose at least two to complete at home over the half term. More information will be given out next Monday.



### How you can help

You can help your child in a variety of ways. Reading is still very important and children also loved to be read to! Times tables are also a great thing to practise with your child. You could find any opportunities for your child to help you with writing, such as shopping lists, cards, letters etc.