

# Geography / History: Ancient Greece



**History** - We will be building on the knowledge and understanding of Ancient Greece that the children have already acquired as well as introducing the children to new content. The children will use a range of sources to find out about life in Ancient Greek schools, the influence of the Ancient Greek language on modern English, Greek architecture and understand how city states in Ancient Greece were ruled and how democracy in Athens is different from that in the UK today.

**Geography - Healthy Places** Our geography focus is on local environment and healthy living. We will locate key physical and human characteristics on maps, use a range of fieldwork skills to complete a local enquiry and problem solving activity as well as developing our sketch mapping skills.

## Computing

We will be learning:

- Using Apps to will design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals.
- Using VLE/DLG and Email.
- Pupils discover strategies for creating and keeping strong, secure passwords.
- Strip Designer app - Design your own comic strip (based on literacy theme)

## RE



**DOMESTIC CHURCH** -

**HOMES** - God's vision for every family

**JUDAISM** - Synagogue (We will be going on an educational visit to a Synagogue this term)

**BAPTISM - PROMISES** - Promises made at Baptism

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - VISITORS** - waiting for the coming of Jesus

## Art/DT

**Art** - Our art lessons this term will be inspired by the author/illustrator Quentin Blake. We will be exploring his work and techniques to create our own character sketches.

**DT** - We will be taking inspiration from our history topic, The Greeks, to make Greek Masks as part of our DT topic.



## PE



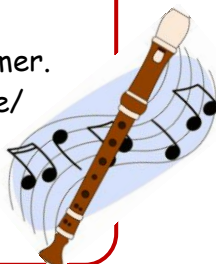
**Netball** - Throwing, passing and catching skills. Build on team work skills as well as marking and defending skills.

**Swimming** - The children will begin their swimming lessons on Friday 6th November until we break up for the Christmas holidays.

**Dance** - The children will explore movement and shape.

## Music

- Weekly ukulele lessons with Jamie.
- Recorder lessons in class.
- Brass lessons with Mrs Mortimer.
- KS2 whole school performance/ carol concert.
- Exploring pitch and volume as part of our science topic.



## MFL

- To use vocabulary related to numbers
- To be able to talk about myself using my name and age.
- To ask and answer questions when you meet someone to say how I feel.



This term our class will be making an Educational visit to Durham's Palace Green Library to support our learning about the Greeks.

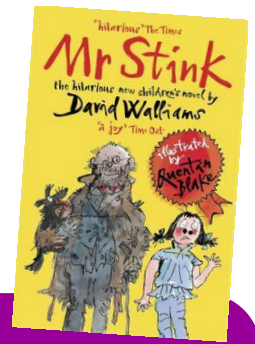
Visit the St. Godric's School website to: [www.st-godrics.durham.sch.uk/](http://www.st-godrics.durham.sch.uk/)

- ✓ Read the latest news, look at photo slideshows and go to the Parents' Zone for more information.
- ✓ Ask your child to login to the DLG to do online writing and maths tasks at home!



# Curriculum Overview

Class 4 - Year 4 Autumn 2015



## English



### Speaking and listening:

- Hot seat characters for narrative writing.
- Explore and share exciting vocabulary for narrative writing.
- Role play and drama to explore characters.

### Writing:

- This half term in particular we will have a huge focus on English Skills including handwriting, grammar, spelling and punctuation.
- We will be using our class book of the Mr Stink by David Walliams to inspire our writing. We will be exploring both character and story settings. We will be writing diaries from a characters point of view. We will be writing letters both formal and informal and we will also be writing persuasive arguments.
- **Poetry** - We will be writing some Autumn poetry in the form of Haikus.
- **Play scripts**- We will be learning how to write play scripts linking to Greek Theatre.

## Maths

Some of the things we will cover this term are:

- Recognise the place value of each digit in a three and four-digit number and decimals.
- To use written methods for all four operations.
- To add or subtract mentally combinations of one-digit and two-digit numbers.
- To know multiplication facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 times tables and related division facts.
- To multiply numbers by 10, 100 and 1000.
- Recognise, write and find fractions of a discrete set of objects.
- Recognise angles as a property of shape or a description of a turn.
- To solve 1-step and 2-step problems involving money, time and measures.
- To name and describe 2-d and 3-d shapes.
- To recognise lines of symmetry in shapes and recognise shapes with no lines of symmetry.

## Science

This term in science the children will learn about electricity and circuits, looking at how circuits work, the differences between mains and battery powered electricity, how to make a switch, which materials are conductors and which are insulators, as well as carrying out investigations and experiments.



In the second half term the children will learn how sound is made and how it reaches our ears. We will also be investigating how sounds are produced on different types of musical instruments and how these instruments can be used to create notes of different pitch and volume.

## Homework

- **Number Facts:** Children need to know their times tables up to 12 x 12.
- **Spellings:** A test each Wednesday and new spellings to be learnt are given out Wednesdays.
- **Reading:** To be practiced regularly preferably nightly. Books are changed when necessary.
- **Numeracy and/or Literacy homework** will be given out on a Friday to be returned the following Thursday if possible. All homework will be fully explained to the children.

