



# Year 4 Newsletter

## Spring 2—2023/2024



### Notices and Reminders

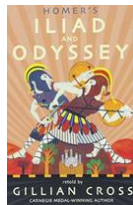
We are very excited that the residential is in a few weeks! There are many fun activities planned for the children including wall climbing, archery and lots more!

Please remember that PE kits need to be brought back into school on the first day back and will stay at school until the Easter holidays.

Remember to keep practising TTRS!

### Reading

Having completed the Iliad in the first half of the spring term, we now study the story of Odysseus and his return home, after the Trojan War. On his ten-year journey, Odysseus faces storms, shipwrecks, a man-eating Cyclops, sirens and the fury of Poseidon. Will he and his men make it back home? The story links to our history lessons and builds on our growing knowledge of Ancient Greece.



### Key dates

12th - 16th February - Half Term

**Saturday 24th February** - HLSA Quiz Night (see below)

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – Runways End Residential

**Thursday 7th March** - World Book Day

**Friday 8th March** - HLSA Bookfest

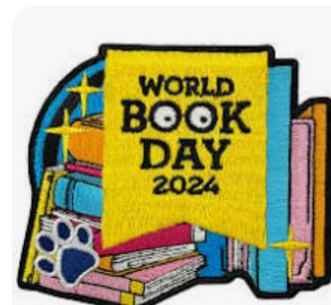
**Monday 11th - Thursday 14th March** - Scholastic Book Fair (3.30pm-4.00pm)

**Thursday 14th March** - Gremlin Dance Challenge (By invitation - Dance & Theatre Clubs)

**Wednesday 27th March** - Last day of term (School finishes 1.30pm)

**INSET**

Thursday 28th March 2024



### Writing

In writing the children will be looking at the story off Adventure at Sandy Cove. Their main focus in this unit will be focusing on suspense writing. The children will then move onto writing a persuasive advert, encouraging people to visit Sandy Cove.



### Maths

The children will firstly be developing their knowledge of fractions, such as counting beyond 1 and converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers. We shall then discover how to add, subtract and compare different fractions.

The children will also be developing their decimals knowledge such as counting in tenths as fractions and decimals and dividing a number by 10 and 100.



## Science

This half term the children will be learning about the exciting world of electricity. They will discover what electricity is, how it helps us power our modern lives and will plan a series of experiments to find out how it can be affected by different factors such as resistance, load etc.



## Geography

The children will be learning about India: the locational and physical geography such as surrounding countries and bodies of water as well as the location of the Ganges River and New Delhi. They will find out about the population, languages and religions of India and will learn about the Himalayas and how they were formed.



## RE

This half term the children will be learning about Holy Week and why Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday. They will be looking at the significance of many events such as Lent, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and The Last Supper. They will end their learning by creating a timeline of Lent and Holy Week.



## PE

This half term the children begin athletics. The children will learn how to build up endurance when running and learn the techniques needed for long distance events. They will also be looking at the different phases of jumping, the techniques and accuracy behind throwing long distance and will apply all of this within a competition.



## Music

The children will be learning that musical sections change or repeat to help create the structure or form of a piece of music as well as looking for patterns in sections of music. They will learn that verses and choruses can repeat or alternate to provide structure.



## PSHE

In PSHE this term the children will be learning about the different emotions they might experience and strategies to help them deal with this. They will also learn more about the importance of wellbeing as part of a wider look at mental health.

## French

In French this term the children will continue to learn and practise their numbers up to 20, where they live and their nationality. This will include appropriate questions and answers which they will be able to recognise and answer with increasing accuracy as the term progresses.



## Homework or Suggested books for reading

