



We are Blue Base – Year 4! We are focussing hard on learning all our times tables and consolidating that knowledge in Spring 1 and 2. We are continuing to create lessons that children enjoy and give them the confidence to be resilient learners.

**Important Dates:**

Blue 2 – Swimming on Thursdays (come with swimsuit under PE Kit)  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Ancient Greece, Leeds Museum Workshop



**Our PE Days:**

Blue 1 (Ms Erskine/ Ms Webster)  
Blue 2 (Ms Reid)  
Blue 3 (Mr Lancaster)



**Our book changing days:**

Phonics books – Mondays/Tuesdays  
Library books - Fridays



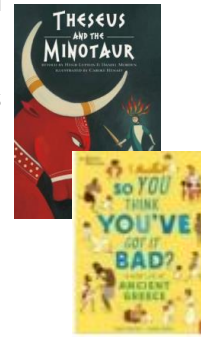
**Homework:**

Times Table Rockstars – your child will have a LOGIN given to them.



**English:**

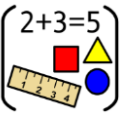
Spring 1: We are reading Theseus and the Minotaur and learning about how Greek Myths were written. We will write our own myth including a hero/heroine, a magical object, a mythical creature and its dangerous habitat. We are continuing to improve our sentences using conjunctions and improving the cohesion of our paragraphs.



Spring 2: We are writing a non-chronological report on life in Ancient Greece. Using skills to organize our increasing knowledge such as: Headings, sub-headings, bullet-points, fronted adverbials and conjunctions.

**Maths:**

We are teaching the children to multiply and divide any number by 10, 100 or 1000. We do this using practical activities, place value charts, Numicon and visual representations to help children embed this knowledge. We also move onto perimeter (the distance around a shape) and will have lots of fun measuring large and small scale areas.



**Science:**

In Spring 1: We are learning all about sound. Find out all you can about sound; how it travels, pitch and volume. Then we will investigate materials to see which will provide the best insulation against sound.



In Spring 2: We are learning about electricity, what is a circuit and a chance to build one! We will learn what makes a good conductor and how to stay safe!

**History:**

In Spring we are delving deeply into the world of Ancient Greece. We will learn about the similarities and differences between the city states of Greece. We will learn about Alexander the Great – was he great? Why? Finally, how has Greek civilization affected our lives today?



**PHSE:** We will start our term with our Mindmate lesson about **feeling emotions** is a part of life. Then we will move onto our topic about careers and money. What can be a risk when borrowing money? What is enterprise? How do people make decisions about careers?



**PE:**

In Year 4, we are continuing with our swimming programme, this term it is Blue 2's turn to take to the water! This will be every Thursday. We also have a cricket workshop for Year 4 this half-term '**A Chance to Shine**'. During indoor sessions the children are continuing gym skills, flight and rotation and in Spring 2 moving onto dance; artistry and shape.



**Religious Education:**

We will be learning about Sikhism this term. About Guru Nanak and his teachings, how we can apply them to our lives today. What is the significance of his life and the stories that are told? What makes a guru special? What qualities do they have?



**Computing:**

In computing we are following our programming scheme. Children follow instructions to be creative and modify ready-made learning code and know that prediction and trial and error are important processes in design.



**Art/ DT**

In Art in Spring 1 we will be looking at Greek pottery and making our own using clay! We will study uses and designs to create our own.

In DT in Spring 2 we will look at the use of columns in Greek architecture and why they are so useful – leading to building our own columns – whose will be the strongest?



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