

### English

Our first text stimulus this half term will be 'Zoo' by Anthony Browne. We will be considering the cases for and against zoos and will write a persuasive letter. Our second text will be 'The Dancing Bear' by Michael Morpurgo. This will be used as a stimulus for a debate before writing a recount. We will be continuing with our 'reading for pleasure' text, Hercules: Diary of a (sort of) Hero by Tom Vaughan, and our whole class reading sessions will also include various other texts, ensuring the children are exposed to a variety of different text types.

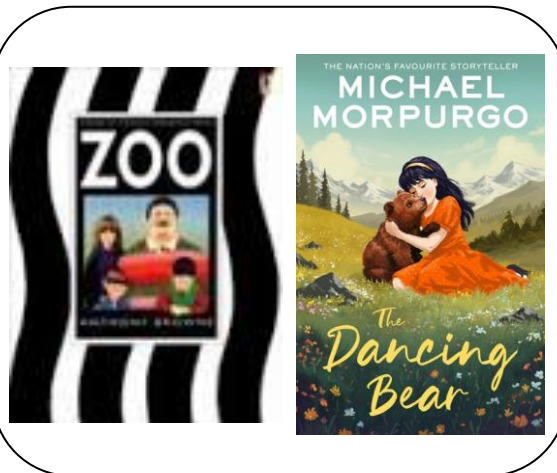
### Maths

We will continue to learn about decimals this half term before moving on to money, time, statistics and geometry. We will also continue to focus on our times table fluency and will complete the MTC during the first few weeks.

### Values

This term the following values will underpin our learning in school:

- Caring
- Happiness
- Trust
- Resilience



## Year 4 Euro Class



### Humanities

We will be focusing on history this half term and the Ancient Greeks. Our big question is 'Was Alexander really that great?' We will compare modern and ancient Greece and then find out more about the ancient civilisation through the study of artefacts and archaeological sites. We will then learn more about Alexander the Great and consider our big question.

### Science

We will be starting our new unit this half term – 'What is Classification?' We will start by considering the different types of animals and how they can be grouped before looking at dichotomous keys. We will then look at the lifecycles and metamorphosis of some animals and the differences in gestation period and life expectancy. Finally, we will look at environmental changes, including those caused by human activity, and the impact these can have on animals.

### Foundation subjects

**PE:** Hold Ball & Tennis

**RE:** Stones as a symbol (Buddhism)

**PSHE:** Growing & changing

**DT:** Shell structures

**Spanish:** Pets & family

**Music:** The Beatles

**Computing:** Repetition in games

Please listen to your child read for ten minutes every night and ask them questions about what they are reading. Homework will be set on Seesaw and instructions will be given on how to submit. This will include daily times table and spelling practice. Children will also take turns in bringing home our class reading bag which contains activities to be completed throughout the week.

Tuesday and Wednesday are our PE days so please ensure your child comes into school in their PE kit on those days. We visit the library on Thursdays, when children will be able to change their book if they wish. Reading books can be changed independently, as and when needed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns. Thank you for your cooperation. Mrs Illman, Mrs Jones and Mrs Hughes ☺