

Year 4 Block 1 Class Page

A very warm welcome back to school from the class teacher, Miss McConville and our fantastic teaching assistants, Mrs O'Callaghan and Dr Beswick.

Spiritual	Trusted	Resilient	Inquisitive	Valued	Exceptional
*Show respect	*Be relied upon	*Have a go	*Ask questions	*Listen to each other	*Be outstanding
*Have beliefs	*Show responsibility	*Keep on trying	*Be eager to learn	*Work as a team	*Show your strengths
*Be reflective	*Take care of people and property	*Show independence	*Discover new things	*Share opinions	*Take on challenge

This year, as we aim to be more resilient, we have been named the "Nadia Nadim" class.

From a very young age, Nadia Nadim has shown extraordinary resilience. At the age of 11, Nadia and her family fled her home in Afghanistan for safety. After an arduous journey she became a refugee of Denmark.

Despite the troubles she faced growing up, having to leave her home country and learn a new language/adjust to a new culture Nadia continued to STRIVE for the best life. After finding her passion for football (a sport banned for females by the Taliban) she went on to have an extremely successful football career in Denmark and has represented Denmark 99 times. She has scored 200 goals and played for teams which include Manchester City and PSG.

Nadia is an amazingly inspiring individual and whilst playing football also attended a university in Denmark to study medicine, recently completing her medical degree. In addition to this, Nadia can also speak 11 languages and is a UNESCO Champion for girls and women in education.

She is truly someone who will inspire us to be more resilient!

Block 1 - ANCIENT GREECE

We start Block 1 with an amazing topic - Ancient Greece. This hugely significant time period lends itself to an enormous amount of learning - from their religion, to the creation of democracy and fearsome warriors! This block will be packed full of exciting learning opportunities as we explore who were the Ancient Greeks and how they influenced the world.

In literacy, we will be building and creating our own myths focusing on Theseus and the Minotaur as our inspiration. In our lessons we will consider the journey of Theseus, drawing on the positives and negatives he faces to emotionally load our own writing.

We will also focus on Alexander the Great, creating our own biographies detailing the journey of his life!



HOMEWORK

Please see below for the homework schedule. If your a child is a free reader they will take turns with staff to choose their books to ensure they are exposed to a variety of genres. Regardless of what day your child finishes their book, we will endeavour to change it for them (time allowing).

All homework is to be completed for the following Tuesday.

	Reading books	Homework set
Monday		
Tuesday	Change reading books	Maths homework book collected in
Wednesday		
Thursday		Maths homework book goes home
Friday	Change reading books. All reading packets collected in during registration.	Spellings Set every Friday, tested the following Friday. Reading eggs TT Rockstars (optional)

PE

PE takes place every Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor). On these days, children will be expected to attend school in their PE kit, which consists of navy blue shorts, a pale blue polo shirt and their normal school jumper/cardigan.

Class Dojo

The school uses Class Dojo as a way to promote **STRIVE** as well as being an opportunity for you to contact Miss McConville about any query you may have. Please make sure you have signed up so that we can share all our learning with you.

Thank you in advance for your support throughout the year to aid your child's development and progress. The partnership between school and home is crucial to reinforce concepts learnt and enable your child to reach their full potential.

We are looking forward to what the year ahead holds. If you have and questions or queries, please contact Miss McConville on Class Dojo.