

Over the next half term Year will be studying a range of topics which will be taught through focus weeks

**History** In history lessons we'll be finding out about the Ancient Greeks under the title *It's all Greek to me*. We will focus on

- Seeking out information and comparing Greece today with Ancient Greece
- Comparing the similarities and differences between Ancient Greek democracy and modern democracy
- Explain how the Olympic games started in Ancient Greece as a huge event and the importance of this to the modern Olympics
- Gaining knowledge around Greek Gods particularly Orpheus and Eurydice
- Understand the chronology of the Trojan war

**DT** We will be finding out about food and a healthy varied diet in DT and will focus on

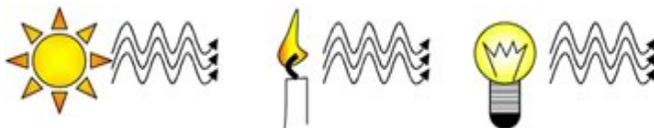
- What is healthy nutrition
- What our body needs to stay healthy
- Making some healthy foods

# Class 4

Blowers Green Primary School



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**Numeracy** This term children will be focussing on place value the four operations geometry position and movement and fractions and developing our reasoning fluency and problem solving skills. Please ensure that your child is secure in their times tables up to  $\times$  as this is a National Curriculum expectation and will underpin most of their understanding in Numeracy.

**Literacy** We will be learning to read and write in different genres including recount letter poetry diary journalistic and narrative. This learning will be linked to current topics as well as our shared class text *The Bad Beginning* by Lemony Snicket.

**RE** Children will be learning about communication within a religion through the study of symbols of religion and symbolic stories.

**Music** Throughout our music lessons children will be building on their skills to read musical notation including sharps and flats singing in a round and performing more complex pieces with Mr Smith.

**PSHE** Our focus this term is on **Going for Goals and Getting on and falling Out** Children will learn the importance of setting targets and reaching for the stars as well as how to resolve conflict with friends

**Computing** Children will be taught a number of key ICT skills linked to multimedia presentations coding and safe internet use this term Children will be reminded of safe internet use but please ensure that this is reinforced at home if children have access to devices

### Homework

**Numeracy** Every Friday children will be given a mental maths test to complete at home This needs to be handed in by the following Wednesday If the children struggle with any questions they can ask for help in school Please try to encourage your child to hand in homework as early as possible in order for homework to be marked and returned so that children can correct any errors and misconceptions can be addressed In addition to this children need to be secure in their times tables from  $x$  to  $x$  Children need to be secure in rapid mental recall of all times tables as it forms the basis of all maths

**Literacy** Every Friday children will be issued with Super Sentences It is their responsibility to learn the key spellings and punctuation of these sentences They will be tested for two consecutive Fridays and they must better their score the second

**Reading at Home** We would like reading books and diaries in school every Friday and would expect that your child read at home daily Please aim to sign their diaries at least times each week Mondays Wednesday and Fridays if possible please Remember they don't have to only read books Newspapers comics the internet television guides and games rules are all texts too It is your child's responsibility to request a reading book change Reading is an important skill which also enhance children's writing and imagination

**Poetry recital** Over the course of the year children are given poems to learn at home They must be able to recite the poem without any mistakes and answer questions to demonstrate their understanding of the poem's content techniques and vocabulary This helps improve children's skills of speaking clearly and slowly as well as enhancing their imagination and vocabulary range which improves their writing