



# Weekly Curriculum News

## ! INFORMATION & REMINDERS

As the cold weather approaches, please ensure children are wearing suitable clothing for the weather. Could we ask that all uniforms, coats and hats are clearly labeled.

P.E, MFL and Music lessons will return to normal times next week. A reminder that CCAs will also be on as usual next week.

Next week, there will be a staff training day on Friday 13th November, the children will not attend school on this day.

Saturday 7th November, 6-9pm - Bonfire Night (Weather permitting)

Thursday 12th November, 8.40am - Junior Coffee Morning (please note the time has changed)

Tuesday 17th November; 9am to 11am and then repeated from 5pm to 7pm - Assessment Workshops for Parents

Please remind children to charge their iPads and bring them to school everyday.



## ENGLISH

Next week in English, the children will recap on their understanding of note taking. Using the correct punctuation consistently, using parenthesis where appropriate and showing understanding of new vocabulary will be our key focuses. The children will also show their knowledge of specific books by making inferences. How might this character feel? What might this character think and what were the motives for this action? Can you justify your inferences with evidence from the text? These are the types of questions the children can expect to answer which shows they fully understand the book. To finish the week, the children will write a historical account of the Persian battle. They will imitate a text type modelled in class.



## MATHEMATICS

Next week, we will start by linking our first Maths lesson with our Topic - 'The Great, the Bold and the Brave'. We will read the year in Roman numerals and solve complex mathematical questions with Roman numerals instead of numbers. Next, we will progress to interpreting negative numbers in context, by using them in sequences and equations. The children will carry out a collaborative investigation in a working group. They will appoint roles for each individual in that group and decide on how to solve a problem logically. The children will be using important vocabulary such as 'systematic' in their group work. They will end the week applying these skills independently to a problem that requires finding lots of possibilities.



## TOPIC

Last week the children completed the Entry Point and Knowledge Harvest of our new topic 'The Great, The Bold and The Brave!' They enjoyed being architects and constructing collaboratively models of classical buildings. This week, the children will be learning about the city states of Greece - Sparta and Athens. As geographers, we will be completing a map of Ancient Greece, writing labels for locations of city-states and increasing our understanding of the ancient world. As historians, the children will be utilizing their creative skills to describe the events of the Persian War. We will explore the battle of Thermopylae - when 300 Greek soldiers came face to face with one of the biggest armies the world has ever known. The children will become familiar with the phrase 'Spartan Spirit' and understand what this phrase truly means. Using a range of sources, the children find out aspects about the golden era of Ancient Greece. We will also research the Greek hero - Alexander the Great.