

**Year 4**

**Term 1**

**Key Question**

Would you rather be an Athenian or a Spartan?

**Key Text**

Beasts of Olympus: Beast Keeper  
The Spiderwick Chronicles

**Key Outcomes**

Write an informal letter to a Year 3 child

Debate: Was it better to be an Athenian or a Spartan?

**Challenge**

*We are challenged and supported to achieve success.*

**Caring**

*We care for and value each other and ourselves.*

**Community**

*We work together to build respectful relationships in all communities.*

**Curriculum**

*We learn new and amazing things!*

**Citizenship**

*We learn how to stand firm as citizens of the world around us and beyond.*

**Saint John's CE Primary School Termly Overview**  
*where we all flourish*

*We are 'like a tree, flourishing in God's unfailing love' Psalm 52:8*  
*From diverse beginnings and building on our Christian values, we grow together to reach up and reach out.*

**This term's Christian values are: Ready, Respect, Responsible and Patience**

We will consider what the 3R's look like and come up with examples. We will reflect upon what it looks like to be part of a team and think of examples of how others have shown this value. We will work hard to try and show these values in our every day lives.

**Writing and SPAG**

In writing, we will start by learning how to write informal letters and move to writing a finding tale with a focus on setting descriptions.

- Learning how to use a dictionary
- Recapping the use of conjunctions learnt so far
- Learning to be consistent when editing our work for incorrect punctuation or spelling

**Reading**

We are focusing on a range of fiction and non-fiction texts within the themes of:

- Stories with a past
- Animals

We will use VIPERS to develop our reading comprehension skills and ability to discuss extracts / texts that we have read.

**Class book –**

Beasts of Olympus: Beast Keeper by Lucy Coats

**Maths**

**Place value**

Representing numbers to 1000 and 10000

Comparing and ordering numbers up to 10000

Rounding numbers

**Addition & subtraction**

Adding and subtracting 4 digit numbers

Estimating answers

**PHSE/RSE**

**Me and my relationships**

Key skills discussed:  
Cooperation,  
Respect  
Teamwork  
Decision making  
Negotiating

**Outdoor Learning**

We will looking at the plants and animals in the front garden

**Home Learning**

Weekly homework tasks that alternate between our writing focus and our weekly maths focus as well as TTRockstars tasks

**Enrichment and Partnership**

- Drama session linked with History
- Literature Festival Visit
- Celebration of Learning at Highbury
- Open Classrooms

**Science**

**Animals including Humans**

We will learn about:

- The function of the human digestive system
- The role of our teeth and the different types of human teeth
- How to care for our teeth
- To recognise the role of predators and prey in food chains

**History**

**Would you rather be an Athenian or a Spartan?**

Learn that Ancient Greece consisted of city states such as Sparta and Athens and that they were rivals.

What was life like for a Spartan?  
What was life like for an Athenian?

**R.E.**

**What might Christians learn from the Old Testament about how to live?**

Why is the Old Testament important to Christians?

What significance do stories from the Bible have on how Christians aim to live their lives?

**Art**

**Exploring tone, texture and proportion**

Exploring tone, texture and proportion to create realistic and expressive drawings, inspired by artists Sarah Graham, Nicola McBride and Beatriz Milhazes. We will focus on creating a three-dimensional effect by using contrasting tones and textures.

**MFL**

**Animals**

Learning the names of common animals

**Computing**

**Meet the microbit**

Read, write and debug programs

**P.E.**

We will be learning skills associated with the following sports:

Ball Skills

Fitness