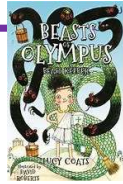## Year 4 – Autumn 1

The Ancient Greeks

English
In Guided Reading we will be studying **Beasts of Olympus** where we will identify the actions of a quest story. This will be reinforced by our work in writing on **quest stories** from the Ancient Greeks. We will be telling original stories in our own words and writing quest stories that we have planned by adapting ideas from Greek Myths. We will be paying particular attention to **sentence structure** in this initial half term.

Maths
Times tables are a big focus in Year 4 as towards the end of the year we have a government set test, therefore we will be starting the year with a big push in this area. We will be studying **place value** to ensure a solid basis on which to achieve further understanding. Speed of mental calculations will also be a focus in order to move onto multi-step problems.

Music
We will be using the Charanga programme to learn the song **Mamma Mia** by ABBA and also consolidate the notes a, b and g on the recorder.

RE
Our first topic is titled **People**. We will study the family of Jesus and the relationships he had, relating them to our own families.

DT
We will be looking at how we can **make a Chariot stronger** in order to improve chances in battle.

PE
We will be **swimming** each week as well as learning a **liturgical dance**.

History
This is an exciting History topic that has had **significant influence on how our society operates today**. We will look at the influences it has had on our lives and how we can learn about the past through the study of objects that have survived.

Computing
This term we will be building on our **coding** ability, introducing more complex instructions. Our internet safety lesson will be on **Your Rings of Responsibility**.

Geography
In our local study we will be **comparing the village of Yapton with the city of Brighton**. As part of the Ancient Greeks topic we will be locating Greece on a map, looking at the **features of Greece** and how this would have had an affect on the history of Greece. We will also look at how symbols are used on a map to show physical features.

Art
We will be focusing on **drawing human figures** in movement and showing this through line and tone.