

# Year 4 Newsletter – Term 2

## Jacaranda



**Jacaranda:** Miss Emms  
(Mrs Hobby – Tuesdays am)  
Mrs Bolejko  
PE: Tuesday  
Forest School: Wednesday pm

## Tamarisk

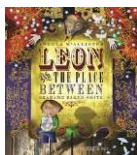


**Tamarisk:** Mrs Bennett (Mrs Collins -  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays AM)  
Mr Burgess and Mrs Martin  
PE: Tuesday and Thursday  
Forest School: Not this term

## How have the Greeks influenced the world we live in?

### English

This term, we are using the book 'Leon and the Place Between' by Angela McAllister to develop our writing skills. Children will complete a WOW workshop to try circus skills and watch a circus performer to help inspire their writing. The focus for writing is using conjunctions to extend sentences, understanding the difference between plurals and the apostrophe for possession and using expanded noun phrases for description.



### Maths

This term, children will be learning about multiplication and division with a focus on recalling times table facts and the related division facts. They will explore multiplying and dividing by 1 and 0. Also methods for multiplying 3 numbers. Please continue to support your child with learning their times tables it is really important they can recall them at speed and out of sequence.

### History

The topic is Ancient Greeks with a focus on understanding how they influenced the world we live in by looking at architecture, democracy, theatre and the Olympics.



### DT

Linked to the History theme, the children will be using Greek Mythical beasts to create a 'toy' for a younger child with a moving part to retell a story. They will learn about pneumatics and how to create simple mechanisms.

### Music

Children will be reading and performing and music. They will learn basic notation, incorporate rhythm and pitch using symbols. Children will continue to learn and play the recorder with accuracy and control to develop their instrument technique.

### RE

Children will be exploring the question 'Who is John Wesley and what are the 'Big moments' in his life?' This will help understand the foundation of Methodism and ideals. They will recall events in his life and share why they were important to him. They will then move onto looking at incarnation and what this means to a Christian.



### Computing

Children are learning about how to use Publisher. They will be using drawing tools to create shapes and learning how these can be layered up to create a picture. They will also recap how to enter Word Art and how to insert an image.

### Science

In Science, the children will be exploring sound. They will learn that sounds are vibrations and travel in waves. They will investigate pitch and amplitude through different experiments.



### PE

This term, the children will have a coach to help deliver cricket to practice ball control, bowling, batting and working as a team. They will also take part in gymnastics, with a focus on ways of moving and creating a flowing sequence.

### PSHE

The theme is 'Valuing differences.' Children will think about the different relationships they have with people and learn about how to compromise and negotiate. They will share ideas about personal space and express how they feel to others. They are also introduced to the term Stereotypes.

### French

The children will be using the story Little Red Riding Hood – 'Le Petite Chaperon Rouge', to learn about colours, body parts and fairy tale characters.

## Term 2 Christian Value

### Love

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and love your neighbour as yourself."

Matthew 7 v12.

Please make sure your child brings in their reading record and reading book **EVERYDAY**

They need a named drink bottle in school at all times!

Please make sure your child has a coat (named) as the weather is wet and cold.