

Europe Summer News 2026



A big welcome back to all our Europe Class families for our final term in Year 4! This term we look forward to seeing all of our European wildcats shine as we continue on our journey around Europe.

The team will be Mrs Masson (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mrs Loose (Thursday and Friday) with the support of Mrs Gittus, Mrs Grenfell, Mrs Gordon, Mrs Wooldridge and Mrs Bowers.

'The Ancient Greeks!'

Having explored the Roman Empire and its legacy and the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, this term we will start our Journey of Discovery by moving back in time and investigating the Ancient Greeks.

Our focus of learning will be:

- Who were the Ancient Greeks?
- Alexander the Great's Empire
- Daily Life in Ancient Greece
- Athens and Sparta
- The Olympic Games - Then and Now
- Greek Gods and Goddesses

This half-term, we will be using the adventure film, "The Lost Thing" by Shaun Tan to give us inspiration for writing our own narrative texts.

In maths, we will be developing our skills with decimals, money, time, geometry (angles and 2D shapes), statistics and finally geometry (position and direction).

This term (9th-13th June) we have the Year 4 Multiplication check so we will be continuing to practise our times tables using Times Table Rockstars to improve our fluency and consolidate our knowledge of times table facts up to 12x12. We strongly recommend children practise these tables at home to improve recall, speed and accuracy.

In school, we have our daily reading session, where children will read independently and as a whole class to infer and deduce information to build on comprehension skills.

As always, we encourage your children to read at home every day and continue to record reading in the orange reading records.

This term our PE sessions will be on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

Please ensure that children have all their Risby school uniform **clearly named** and that the correct PE kit is worn. A reminder please that no hooded, zipped or branded sweatshirts should be worn.

Water bottles need to be in school every day to keep our grey wolves hydrated and as the weather continues to get warmer, please can children come to school with sun cream applied at home. A final plea, could you please make sure all jumpers, cardigans and items of clothing are named! That way, any lost property can find its way back the owner!

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning or their time in school, please do get in touch. We cannot reply to any messages on Class Dojo, but you can catch us briefly at the door in the morning to arrange a meeting, pass messages through the office or send an email to admin@risbyprimary.com.

With best wishes,
Mrs Masson, Mrs Loose
and the Year 4 teaching team

Key dates

Monday, 4th May - Bank Holiday Monday

Friday, 22nd May - PD Day

Monday, 25th May - Friday, 29th May - HALF TERM

Monday, 8th June - Friday, 12th June - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Monday, 6th July - Friday, 10th July - Active Week

Wednesday, 8th July - Sports Day

Friday, 10th July - PTA Summer Fete

Wednesday, 15th July - Move Up Morning

Friday, 17th July - End of Term