

### Literacy

Literacy and Topic will overlap this half term, and we will be finding out about ancient Greek myths and legends. The children will have the chance to write their own story based upon a Greek myth or retell a popular Greek myth.

The children will also investigate the differences between characters portrayed in the stories, whilst describing a mythical beast.

### Topic

We will locate mainland Greece and its islands on a map. Then we will look at the physical features, in relation to travel, and discuss the concept of communication. We will focus on the areas of Athens and Sparta, and research their laws, money, rulers, rivals and beliefs.

The children will use a range of primary and secondary sources to find out about Greek homes, slavery, the role of men and women, and schools. Together we will learn about some of the Gods and Goddesses, and recap on myths and legends from Literacy. Children will also learn about English words that have Greek origins. We will look at temples and different styles of architecture. We will also investigate the Olympic Games. The children will be given the opportunity to write diary extracts about life in Ancient Greece, and they will also become journalists as they write newspaper reports on the Olympic events.

# Year 3

## Summer 1

### The Ancient Greeks



### Dates for your diary

Friday 28th April: Greek lady to visit  
Year 3 (funded by the PTFA)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May: PTFA Film Night

### Useful websites

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/ancient\\_greeks/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/ancient_greeks/)

<http://www.ngkids.co.uk/history/10-facts-about-the-ancient-greeks>

<http://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/interactives/history/greece/exploreancientgreece/>

### Numeracy

This half term, the children will revisit the basic operations and consolidate these skills before progressing to the next level. Children will be taught how to explain their mathematical thinking and explore number patterns, linked to place value.

Children will develop written methods of multiplication and division. In doing so, they will develop their recall of the times tables. Children's vocabulary of shape will be developing, as they look at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, and symmetrical and non-symmetrical shapes. Rulers will be used as a tool to draw straight lines and measure in a range of contexts. Children will also be able to use scales, bar charts and pictograms with increasing accuracy and a range of different scales to present their findings.

### Science

This half-term the children will be seeing the light! We will investigate sources of light; observe how shadows are created, and how patterns are formed. Using this knowledge, children will explain what happens in the dark, share how reflections work and how they can be useful in the dark. We will also learn how to keep our eyes protected in the sun.

### ICT

Children will use ICT as a source to research information about Ancient Greece. They will create a report on PowerPoint and a poster, using publisher. They will learn how to crop images, insert and resize. In Literacy, the children will also begin to use an online storyboard to create their own myths and legends. They could have a look at the following website at home, which enables them to submit their own stories:

<http://myths.e2bn.org/create/tool527-story-creator-2.html>

### Spanish

This half term we will be learning the Spanish alphabet and how to order an ice cream! Pupils will then learn how to talk about the weather in Spanish.

### R.E.

This half term, the children will be looking at the Bible to understand why it is important for Christians, making comparisons with what is important in their own lives. Children will look at how the Bible is organised and discuss how religious beliefs, ideas and feelings are expressed in the different books.



### P.E.

This half term the children are very lucky to have the Newcastle Falcons leading our P.E. sessions! They will be teaching us how to play rugby, and also carrying out healthy lifestyle workshops. We will develop our abilities to be effective team members, in order to succeed at this sport.

### Music

This term, the children will learn how to play the glockenspiel. Using the skills learnt during Samba band the children will be able to keep to a beat and play along with other children while staying in time.

### PSHE

There will be a big emphasis on how we listen and respond to others constructively. The children will discuss what a dare is and how to challenge stereotypes in a respectful way. Children will look at different scenarios and feelings and learn how to manage these feelings.

### Art

This term, children will investigate Greek artefacts and find out how they were made. Children will recreate their own Greek vase, using a fine tip paint brush and cutting techniques to create a silhouette figure on their Vase.

The children will also be inspired by the work of Giacometti and create sculptures of figures using wire and mod roc. Referring to Ancient Greek artefacts, children will represent athletic poses.