

Literacy

We will start by looking at a range of Greek Myths and Legends. The children will be exploring how Myths are written and will begin to write their own Greek Myth. In doing so, they will be exploring the different relationships between all the Greek Gods and focusing on the use of speech within stories. Don't forget you can also enter the poetry competition for World Book Week!

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.

Year 3 Summer 1 Groovy Greeks



Events

World Book Week w/c 2nd March

Science Week w/c 9th March

Useful websites

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/ancient_greeks/

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

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 will also be learning how to order and compare fractions, as well as adding fractions with the same denominator. Rulers will be used as a tool to draw straight lines and measure in a range of contexts.

Remember to get your child to log into Times Tables Rockstars throughout the week to help their multiplication and division knowledge.

Science

This half-term we will be finding out about plants. We will be identifying and describing the different functions of the flowering plant. We will investigate the way water is transported via the use of food dye and colourful carnations! We will also look at the life cycle of plants and the different plants that can be found in different parts of the world.

ICT

Children will continue to develop their green screen skills. This half term, we will be taking videos and inserting them over a suitable backdrop. Children will use ICT as a source to research information about Ancient Greece. 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

In Spanish the children will build on what they have already learnt this year. The children will learn how to say how old they are, where they live, learn all of the names of the numbers from 13 – 20 and the names of the days of the week. Finally, the children will experience what Easter is like in Spain.

Music

This term, following Charanga, we will be learning 'The Dragon song' which is all about kindness, respect and friendship and happiness. The children will be investigating the different rhythms used in the music.

R.E.

This half term, will be focusing our attention on the build up to Easter. The children will learn about the events of Palm Sunday and begin to understand the feelings of the crowd on that day. The children will also learn the significance of the Last Supper and all of the events that led up to his Crucifixion.

P.E.

This half term Class 8 will continue with their swimming while Class 7 will learn skills to help them become basketball stars! We will be continuing to complete the Daily Mile running sessions during the week. Children can bring in their own trainers if they wish.



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 and DT

Over this half term, the children will be investigating Greek pottery and looking at the different patterns and stories which are shown on Greek pots. Then, children will recreate their own Greek vase, using a fine tip paint brush and cutting techniques to create a silhouette figure. Children will also be making a traditional Greek salad using fresh ingredients!