



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Terms 3 and 4 – Groovy Greeks



Travel back many years in time and visit the Ancient Greek Empire!

What Ancient Greek gods and goddesses were there? What did the Ancient Greeks believe they did? What were Ancient Greek cities like? Why did they need soldiers? What happened at the Ancient Greek Olympics? What was life like for children?

Discover the wonderful world of Ancient Greece...

The core areas of learning for this term are:

Numeracy - Mental Maths

4 x table, including division facts.
Counting in 4s.
Counting in 1000s.
Reading 3 digit numbers.
Partitioning 3 digit numbers.
Counting in 1000s.
Working out unlabelled divisions on a number line.
Ordering and comparing numbers.
Adding multiples of 1000.
Doubling and halving multiples of 100.
Multiplying and dividing by 10.
Fact families for 1d x 1d facts.

Numeracy – Main Maths

Multiplication.
Division.
Length.
Mass.
Volume.
Money.

Science

Light.
Investigating reflection.
Knowing how shadows are formed.
Finding patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.

Computing

Developing our typing skills.
Ongoing use of Word.
Using the Internet safely.
Communicating and collaborating online.
Using data.
Scratch Junior.

Literacy – Writing

Non-fiction:

Recounts – A trip to Ancient Greece.

Fiction:

Fiction – Our own myths based on Ancient Greek myths.

Poetry.

Literacy - Grammar and Punctuation

Compound/complex sentences.
Co-ordinating/subordinating conjunctions.
Expanded noun phrases.
Adjectives.
Verbs.
Prepositions and prepositional phrases.
Tenses.
Using speech marks to show direct speech.

Literacy - Spelling

'k' spelt 'ch'
's' spelt 'sc'
Homophones
Prefix 'sub'
Prefix 'inter'

Literacy - Reading

Reading with expression.

Retrieval – Quoting directly from the text to support thoughts and discussions, marking/highlighting the text to support this.

Exploration – Investigating the author's use of language to create mood, build tension or paint a picture.

Analysis – Identifying the differences between different non-fiction texts.

Deduction – Identifying reasons for characters' actions, justifying opinions and predictions.

**Music**

Compositions linked to Greek myths.

French

Understanding, saying, reading and writing new words and phrases linked to school and hobbies.

Geography

Using maps to support our learning in history.

History

Learning about aspects of life in Ancient Greece with a focus on creating our own questions and using sources to find the answers.

DT

Woodwork – creating something of our own choice linked to Ancient Greece.

Art and Design

Clay - creating something of our own choice linked to Ancient Greece.

PE

Tag rugby –Synergy Coaches.
Badminton, tennis.

Religious Education

Jesus's miracles.
Easter forgiveness.

PSHE / Values

January – Respect.
February - Love and Caring.
March – Friendship.
April - Patience and Tolerance.

Visitors

Hobgoblin Theatre Company – performing Perseus and Medusa.

How you can help

Research any of the above curriculum areas with your child and let us know your findings!

Listen regularly to your child read.

Help your child to learn their spellings ready for their weekly test.

Practise and test your child on their multiplication tables.

Encourage them to complete their homework.

Reminders

Homework will be set every Friday and collected in the following Friday.

Spellings will be tested weekly.

Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school all week and they have suitable warm clothes and shoes for outdoor PE.

Can you help us?

If you feel you can help us in any way with the work that we are covering, please let us know.