

Curriculum Overview for Year 3 and 4 Pupils – Term 1

Theme title: How have the Ancient Greeks influenced life today?

Launch pad event: Greek Banquet, Greek cooking and Greek inspired art.

<p>English <i>Please ensure guided reading books are brought to school daily.</i></p>	<p>In English, the pupils in Year 4 will be focusing on character descriptions within a story and looking at different ways to describe how a character is feeling. They will also be learning how to write book reviews. Year 3 children will be learning to write instructions, what information is required and how to set this out correctly. Also, children will learn the features of a myth and will be writing their own Greek myth. Spelling will be a continuous focus within both year groups learning words from the Statutory word list.</p>	
<p>Maths <i>Maths homework is set every <u>Thursday</u> and should be returned to school every <u>Tuesday</u>.</i></p>	<p>Children will be revisiting and consolidating place value and the four operations. They will be learning how to improve their skills of counting, partitioning and calculating. There will be a real focus on times tables and children will be expected to learn and practise these, up to 12 x 12, at home as well as at school. We will also be learning to work in a systematic and logical way when solving various number problems.</p>	
<p>Science</p>	<p>Our topic in Science next term will be an investigation unit with a focus on materials. The children will be planning their experiments, writing a prediction, carrying out a fair test and finally drawing a conclusion based on the Greek Trojan Horse.</p>	<p>Cross-curricular links Children will be writing about their conclusions. They will be taking measurements.</p>
<p>Computing</p>	<p>Pupils will be learning how to use different programs on a computer system such as Word and PowerPoint. They will be using a range of shortcuts to help them edit their text. As well as this, children will learn how to add pictures and will create a poster as their final piece.</p>	
<p>Geography</p>	<p>Pupils will learn to locate Greece on a map of Europe. They will identify the surrounding Greek islands and look at why people choose to live there. They will also identify the human and physical features of Greece.</p>	<p>Cross-curricular links We will be learning vocabulary to describe where a place is.</p>
<p>History</p>	<p>In History, pupils will be learning about how the ancient Greek civilisation influenced the world we live in today. They will learn about different events and inventions that affected life for the ancient Greeks and life today; for example, the Olympics.</p>	<p>Cross-curricular links Year 3 will be writing a Greek Myth. Year 4 will be writing a diary entry.</p>
<p>Art</p>	<p>In Art, the focus will be on Greek vases and pottery. Pupils will research a variety of different designs before designing their own. They will sketch their own design using a variety of pencil grades, before using clay to create their own vase and finish it with paint in authentic Greek styles, colours and patterns.</p>	
<p>DT</p>	<p>In DT, pupils will learn about and investigate how levers and pulleys work. They will be designing a machine, using either pulleys or levers, that would have helped the Trojans open the drawbridge to bring in the Trojan Horse.</p>	
<p>PE</p>	<p>In Indoor PE, pupils will be improving their fitness by completing challenges in a set of circuits around the hall. This will include different workouts such as boxercise. This term in outdoor PE children will be learning how to play tri-golf. They will learn how to hold a stick properly and swing it with improving sense of strength and direction. They will also improve their accuracy and aim to hit a target.</p>	
<p>Music</p>	<p>In Music, the focus will be learning about the styles of notation required for playing an instrument. We will look at clapping beats and rhythms. They will talk about pitch and volume in music, before trying to write their own pattern of beats using what they have learnt.</p>	
<p>RE</p>	<p>This term, children will be learning about the key aspects of Hindu belief and worship, and how these are expressed in thoughts, actions and practises. They will learn about the Puja and other religious traditions.</p>	
<p>P.S.H.E</p>	<p>This term in PSHE, the focus will be looking at the meanings and effects of racism, stereotypes and prejudice. They will learn about how these types of bias are damaging and how we can actually celebrate differences by being aware of prejudice in society.</p>	

Ways in which you could support next terms curriculum at home:

Books you could read	Places you could visit together	Other activities
<p>Greek myths Greek recipe books Greece travel brochures Non-fiction 'Ancient Greeks' books</p>	<p>Greek restaurants The British Museum</p>	<p>Watch the film 'Hercules' Make a traditional Greek dish Greek pottery using playdough or salt dough Junk modelling – make a Trojan Horse</p>