

Autumn Term

English

Our topic is...

The Groovy Greeks

In English this term, we will be exploring the world of the Ancient Greeks through reading comprehension, research and writing. We will be writing a recount based on the Trojan horse story and making our decision whether to live in Sparta or Troy and writing to persuade someone to join our city state.

We will be reading Greek myths and using them to inspire our own descriptive writing about Theseus and the Minotaur.

Mathematics

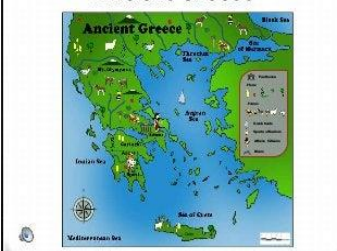
In Maths this term we will begin the year by looking at place value and how we can represent numbers in different ways using a range of equipment.

We are then going to move on to a block of learning about addition and subtraction using written methods.

We will then complete a short topic on calculating area and we will end the term learning about multiplication and division. Within our Maths lessons there will be many opportunities for a variety of types of questions including fluency questions and problem solving and reasoning.



Ancient Greece



In Science this term the children will be investigating the parts of the body involved in the human digestive system. We will explore electricity through using batteries, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers to design and create working simple series circuits.

In Computing this term we will be focussing on recognising the internet as a network of networks including the WWW.

We will then capture and edit audio to produce a podcast, ensuring that copyright is considered.

Reminders

Your child should come to school in P.E. kit on Monday and Thursday P.E.
School opens at 8.40am. Pupils need to be in school for 8.50am.

Wow Days and Trips

This half term, we will be welcoming a visitor from Ancient Greece. The children will be examining artefacts and learning about everyday life in the Ancient Greek city states of Sparta and Troy.

Home Learning

Each week, children in Year 4 are expected to:
Read 5 times to an adult or to themselves (this must be recorded in the child's reading record).

Practice their spellings using Spelling Shed or paper based activities.

Practice their times tables using TTRockstars or through paper based activities / games.

Complete an English activity set by the class teacher.

Homework will be handed out on Fridays and is to be returned each Wednesday.

Uniform Guidance

- Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name

Sweatshirts or cardigans should be navy blue.

Trousers should be full length, in navy blue, plain black or dark grey.

Shorts should be smart shorts in navy blue, plain black or dark grey

Polo shirts should be white or navy blue.

Skirts/pinafores should be navy blue, plain black or dark grey of a suitable length.

Gingham dresses should be blue and only worn in the summer months.

Footwear should be black shoes or totally black trainers.

P.E. Kit The PE kit can be comprised of the following items:

- T-shirts should be plain white or navy blue with no logos.
- Shorts should be plain navy blue or black.
- Footwear should be black trainers or plimsolls.
- A track suit or school sweatshirt can be used in colder weather.

Foundation Subjects

Children will learn to understand where the Ancient Greeks lived and the factors that influenced their choices about where to live.

Geography

In history we will be learning all about Ancient Greece, how the ancient Greeks lived and how their culture has influenced modern society.

History

Children will explore the key question, "What kind of world did Jesus want?" We will learn about the disciples and some parables told by Jesus.

R.E.

In music we will be celebrating a variety of music styles and learning to sing, improvise, compose and perform with the songs.

Music

Children will be learning a variety of Skills in PE. We will be learning some yoga and keep fit as well as Basketball.

P.E.

Children will be learning Spanish Phonics, how to present themselves and to write the date.

Spanish

In Art we will be researching buildings from around the world, looking Specifically at shapes. We will be using a variety of drawing techniques.

Art

In DT, children will be using their knowledge of circuits to further Investigate electronics. They will create a board.

D and T

Our PHSE work this term is based around friendships. We will be exploring three key questions :
Are all friends the same?
Are friendships always fun?
Are we happy all the time?

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