#### Themed

This term, in our themed work, we will learn about the Ancient Greek civilisation.

Specifically, we will explore:

- Who the Ancient Greeks were and when they lived.
- The Battle of Marathon and the Trojan War.
- The influence of Greek theatre on modern performance.
- Greek democracy and politics.
- Famous Ancient Greeks.
- The ancient Olympic Games.
- Greek Gods and Goddesses.
- Greek pottery.
- Education during the Ancient Greek era.

The skills we will be developing are: historical enquiry; distinguishing source types and their reliability and chronology and sequencing events within a period). We will also explore the legacy that was left by the Ancient Greeks.

# **English**

Throughout our themed lessons, we will be developing our writing skills by completing the following pieces of work:

- Writing our own Greek myths.
- Newspaper articles about the Battle of Marathon.
- A first person account of a day in the life of a Greek soldier

# **Key Texts**

- Pandora's box
- Theseus and the Minotaur
- Daedalus and Icarus
- Groovy Greeks (Horrible Histories)

#### **Focus Author**

Our focus author is Anne Fine.

## Geography

We will use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to learn about geographical features of Greece and specifically how the geography of the country was one reason that Ancient Greece was not a single unified country.

# It's all Greek to me!

## Computing

During the first half term we will be learning about digital imagery. We will be doing this by using different filming techniques and camera angles to create different moods/perspectives and by selecting and editing sounds, text, movie clips and other effects to suit purpose and audience. We will do this for difference purposes and audiences.

In addition, we will be learning about E-safety throughout the term. We will discuss which online communication tool is the most appropriate to use for a particular purpose and how to remain safe when communicating online.

# **Cross-Curricular Maths Opportunities**

Throughout our learning, we will have the following maths opportunities:

- Using ratio to cost a Greek banquet.
- Exploring the different Ancient Greek number systems.
- Learning about Greek mathematicians e.g. *Pythagoras*.
- Calculating averages when completing our Olympic events.

#### **Global Curriculum**

As well as exploring the legacy of the Ancient Greeks and the impact that it has had globally, we will explore issues faced by modern Greece and other European countries, including Great Britain.

#### Events

Year 5 & 6 Olympic Games tournament (2<sup>nd</sup> half-term)

#### Art

We will be creating a piece of 3D art this half term. We will be developing skills in clay by creating defined lines and adding detail such as patterns and textures to our work using different tools. We will plan a sculpture of a Greek pot and then produce this using clay.

#### DT

Our learning for DT this term will be based around structures. We will be investigating permanent and portable structural frames. We will learn the skills and techniques for accurately joining framework materials together. We will design, make and evaluate a shelter in the ancient Greek style.

#### Music

We will be learning how music can create particular moods and emotions by listening to and analysing various pieces of music. We will apply what we have learnt when composing a piece of battle music.

Songs - We will be learning and performing 'Ode to the Ancient Greeks'

#### PE

During the term, the children will be developing a range of skills by taking part in athletics, tennis, cricket and rounders lessons.

# RE

We will be learning about the Buddhist religion and the main principles of this religion.

# **PSHCE**

During PSHCE we will develop an understanding of the concepts of 'interest', 'loan', 'debt', 'tax' and how economic choices affect individuals, communities and the sustainability of the environment.

#### Science

In our *Living Things* topic we will be learning about the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird as well as the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

In our *Animals* topic we will learn about different gestation periods of mammals and humans. As well as this we will be describing the changes as humans develop from birth to old age.

# Gardening & Outdoor Learning

We will be planting spring onions, cucumbers and peppers to make healthy snacks that we will eat with a variety of dips.

# **Key Vocab**

Amphitheatre, Sparta, Athens Democracy, Democratic Olympics, Persia, Legends, Myths, Gods Philosophy, City States.