

<p>Themed This term, in our themed work, we will learn about the Ancient Greek civilisation. Specifically, we will explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who the Ancient Greeks were and when they lived • Research and explore 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. <p>The skills we will be developing are: historical enquiry; distinguishing source types and their reliability and chronology (sequencing events within a period). We will also explore the legacy that was left by the Ancient Greeks.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Maths and English During the first half term, we will continue to prepare for the end of key stage 2 SATs tests.</p> <p>The children will be consolidating previous learning, practising test questions and working on their individual areas of development.</p> <p>After SATs, we will focus on writing and will be working hard to produce several pieces of independent writing that will form evidence for our end of year teacher assessment.</p>		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Music This term we will be busy working on the traditional Y6 end of year performance. We will be developing, singing, acting and dancing skills. We will also learn the song <i>Ode to the Greeks</i>.</p> <p>PE During the term, the children will be developing a range of skills by taking part in athletics, cricket and rounders lessons.</p> <p>RE We will explore the central beliefs in all of the major religions. We will also learn about Humanism.</p> <p>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. We will also be discussing strategies to ensure a successful transition in September to our new schools.</p> <p>Science In our <i>Living Things</i> topic we will learn to classify living things using Linnaean system. We will also learn about microorganisms including ways in which they can be useful and harmful. In our <i>Animals</i> topic we will learn about the main functions of the heart, lungs and blood vessels in the circulatory system. We will learn about how drugs and alcohol can impact negatively on the body. In both topics will continue to work scientifically by carrying out various investigations.</p>	
<p>English Throughout our themed lessons, we will be developing our writing skills by completing the following pieces of work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Key Texts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Pandora’s box</i> • <i>Theseus and the Minotaur</i> • <i>Daedalus and Icarus</i> • <i>Groovy Greeks (Horrible Histories)</i> <p>Focus Author <i>Rick Riordan</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">It's all Greek to me!</p> <p>Computing During the first half term we will be producing, examining and debugging databases. We will also be collecting our own data; writing formulae to create tables and using spreadsheets to create graphs.</p> <p>After half term, we will be exploring blogging. This will include registering for a blog, altering themes and creating posts.</p> <p>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.</p>		<p>Cross-Curricular Maths Opportunities Throughout our learning, we will have the following maths opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using ratio to cost a Greek banquet. • Exploring the different Ancient Greek number systems. • Learning about Greek mathematicians e.g. <i>Pythagoras</i>. • Calculating averages when completing our Olympic. 	
	<p>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.</p>	<p>Events Year 5 & 6 Olympic Games tournament (2nd half-term)</p>	<p>Gardening & Outdoor Learning We will be planting runner beans and peppers and celebrating by harvesting and cooking them.</p>	<p>Key Vocab <i>Amphitheatre, Sparta, Athens Democracy, Democratic Olympics, Persia, Legends, Myths, Gods Philosophy, City States.</i></p>