

Year Five Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term 1—It's All Greek to Me!

English

In English this half term, the children will be linking their writing to our Greek topic and composing a variety of texts including a fantasy tale and a free verse poem based on a Greek theme. We will continue to develop composition and transcription skills with a focus remaining on vocabulary, grammar and punctuation.

Reading

Our class reader will be the fantastic 'Who Let the Gods out', continuing the Greek theme and by a Hampshire based author Maz Evans!

This is also the fiction text will be using in our Reading lessons. This half term, we will continue to focus on our inference, retrieval and comprehension skills.

Recommended Reading

Great Greeks: fun poems for kids about Ancient Greece (History for Kids) by Paul Perro.

Atticus the Storyteller: 100 stories from Greece by Lucy Coats.

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan.

Article 29 -You have the right to an education that should help you use and develop your talents and abilities.

Maths

In Maths, we will be focusing on Geometry: working on moving the position and direction of shapes.

We will also be building upon our knowledge of measures and learning how to convert units of measurement.

We will continue to recap our learning so far this year.

Alongside this, we will continue to build on and develop our problem solving and reasoning skills—linking this to units of measure.

History

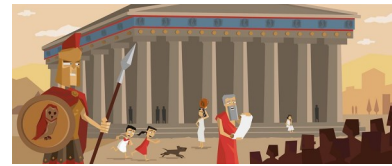
Throughout the History topic, the children will focus on the History of Ancient Greece.

They will learn about key events in Greek history, Gods and Goddesses and daily life in Ancient Greece.

We are very excited to welcome back Past Presents to kick start the topic.

Science

In science, the children will be finding out about the properties of different materials. They will build on what they know about magnetism and electrical conductivity. They will explore transparency, hardness and solubility as well as carrying out a range of investigations into the uses of metals, wood and plastic.



Home Learning

For 'It's all Greek to me', we would like the children to challenge themselves to take ownership of their learning.

What they choose to do is completely up to them, as long as it is related to the Greeks. This could be a Greek shield, a report on a city state or a Greek artefact.

This will be due the week commencing 22nd May.

Homework

English and Maths homework will be set every **Thursday**, to be handed in **the following Wednesday**. The children will continue to use Atom and their green Writing book.

Children are expected to spend between 20-30 minutes on each piece of homework.

Please encourage your children to continue to use TTRockstars weekly.

Spelling

New words will now be sent home in the diary on a **Monday**.

Spelling words will now be tested on a **Thursday**.

The homework will be set on **Friday** and will be due in the following **Thursday**.

PE

The children will be brushing up on their athletics skills, preparing for Sports Days and learning some Olympic themed dance.

The children will need PE kits on a Wednesday and Friday.

Computing

In computing, we will be creating a stop-motion animation of a Greek myth.

Music

We will continue learning about standard musical notation. We will use these skills to help us with playing instruments.

Religion and Worldviews

In RE this half term, we will be studying Judaism. Our key question is: What is the best way for a Jew to show commitment to God?

French

In French we will be recapping our numbers to 31 and learning how to say and recognise the months of the year.

PSHE

Our PHSE topic this half term is 'Relationships'. The children will be learning about the positives and negative consequences of joining an online community and exploring how they can stay safe when using technology.

Dates for your diary:

Past Presents Greek workshop - 16th April 2024

Home learning - due in week commencing 13th May 2024