

Year 5 Curriculum Information

Term 1

The children have made a fantastic start to the new year. We have been so impressed with the mature way in which they have adapted to the modifications made to school life, due to Covid-19. Well done Year5!

Below are our class email addresses, should you need to contact us.

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Term 1 Topic – Ancient Greece

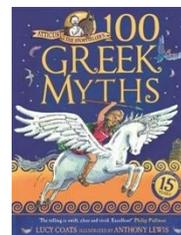
We will be looking at a variety of Greek myths this term, including Theseus and the Minotaur and The Labours of Heracles.

Feel free to explore some Greek myths with your child at home.

There are some interactive myths available on the website:

<http://myths.e2bn.org/index.php>

Other areas of topic-related study are detailed below.



Greek Day



We will be having a Greek Day on Tuesday 19th October. This will be a wonderful opportunity for children to take part in art and cooking activities and to take part in a mini-Olympics!

To get into the mood for the day, children can come to school dressed as a character from a Greek myth.

Maths

In Maths, our focus will be place value, the four operations (+, -, x, ÷) and statistics. The materials we use include some recap lessons, to consolidate learning from the previous year. We trust this will prove helpful, given the disrupted nature of last year.

English

Much of our written work will be topic-based. Pupils will write their own myths, construct information pages about Ancient Greek life, and write a comparison of the city states of Athens and Sparta. Children will also be learning spelling, grammar and punctuation skills required by the Year 5 curriculum.

Reading

As well as reading Greek myths within class, children should be reading their school reading book every day. In addition, children can practise their comprehension skills, using Bug Club. We will have a class book for each term, which will be used for story-time at the end of the day. Our Term 1 book is 'Who Let The Gods Out?' by Maz Evans.

Geography

In Geography, we will look at the location of Greece within Europe and in relation to the UK. We will recognise that it is a country consisting of a mainland and many islands.

History

In line with our topic, we will be looking at different aspects of daily life in Ancient Greece. We will explore the legacy left behind by the Greeks including the Olympics, architecture and inventions. We will also find out about the Greek gods and goddesses. We link to British Values when studying the birth of democracy.

Art

We will design and make Greek-style plates.

Science

In Science this term, we will be studying the effects of different forces, such as air and wind resistance.

Computing

The focus of Computing in Term 1 will be E-Safety and appropriate use of technology.



Growth Mindset

Barney Owl



I come in to school each morning ready to work.
I can concentrate on my work for a sustained period.
I have a positive attitude to my own learning and towards other people's learning.

PE

Pupils should come into school on a Wednesday and Thursday wearing their PE kit. Please ensure that this complies with our PE uniform policy. No jewellery should be worn on these days. On a Wednesday afternoon, dance will form one element of PPA. Children are completing circuits to improve personal fitness on a Thursday.

Homework

Homework is set on Google Classroom beginning on Friday 24th September. The due date for any tasks will be the following Friday:

- The children will be given weekly spellings which will need to be practised at home. Some of these are from the National Curriculum list of statutory words. Others practise spelling patterns we are learning at Year 5.
- Children are expected to read every night for approximately 20-30 minutes.
- Times tables need to be practiced. This can be done in many ways including using Times Table Rock Stars or Monster Multiplication on Purple Mash.
- A topic task will be set each term. This will be an opportunity for children to show off their creative skills.
- A homework task may occasionally be set on Purple Mash. However, the task will still be listed on Google Classroom, explaining to the children what they need to do.