

What happened to the Ancient Greeks?

English

In English we will be focusing on the re-telling of Homer's epic poem, '**The Odyssey**', tells the story of Odysseus's return home to Ithaca from fighting in the Trojan wars. The children will explore and develop their skills as story-tellers. The children will be carrying out a role-playing game based on the Ancient Greek tale.

Mathematics

As mathematicians, we will continue to work with the number system, to quickly recall times tables and related division facts. We will look at square and cube numbers and recognize its notation. We will also be looking at fractions, decimal and percentages of numbers.

Science

Can you feel the force?

As scientists, the children will be looking at how materials affects forces. The children will explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object. They will identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, the act between moving surfaces.

PE

This half term the children will be focusing on games-ball handling in an invasion game. To select which is the most appropriate way to move to a space in a game and to explain why it's important to move this way.

RE

During our RE work we will be working on the unit '**What are the five pillars of Islam?**' The children will be taught to describe and make connections between different features of the religions and worldviews they study, discovering more about celebrations, worship, pilgrimages and the rituals which mark important points in life, in order to reflect on their significance.



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This term our topic will be about Ancient Greece.

As Historians the children will be finding out about the Ancient Greeks from the 8th century. The children will study the Greek way of life and achievements and their influence on the western world.

Geography

As Geographers, the children will be looking at the geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of Greece in Europe.

Music

As musicians, we will play and perform in ensemble contexts using body percussions and musical instruments. The children will have a specialist teacher coming in every Friday to teach them Samba alongside the written notation of the musical notes. They will improvise musical patterns and compose music using the inter-related dimensions of music.

Art /Design Technology

In Art the children will be learning more about the Ancient Greeks ways of life. The children will be drawing their own pottery vases in the style of Ancient Greek and making them into clay. The children will also be looking at the importance of the Ancient Greek Theatre by creating their own masks of a tragedy or comedy.

Computing

As Information Technologists, the children will be using the internet to research about the Greeks Gods and Goddesses. The children will create their own information class poster using Microsoft Excel based on this information.

British Values

As part of our '**Show Respect**' unit, we will tolerate and respect those of different faiths and beliefs in our community and around the world.

Class Reading

This half term we will be reading '**The Adventures of Odysseus**' by Hugh Lupton, Daniel Morden and Christina Balit. The stories cover themes of good and evil, the nature of heroism, taking responsibility for our actions within a classic voyage and return narrative

French

We will be learning the unit 'On Mange'-learn the French vocabulary needed to ask for food and drink. Cultural differences are highlighted throughout, to enhance pupils' contextual understanding.

PSHCE

During our PSHCE work we will be focusing on valuing and celebrating our differences within our school community. We will look at goal setting and motivation to make a positive impact at the beginning of the year.

Important Information

- Each week the children will receive spellings that will be carried out every Friday.
- Homework will be set regularly in Literacy, Maths and Topic work to consolidate what they have learnt in the classroom.
- Ensure that your child reads daily so that they can read a wide range of books that will have a positive impact on their reading and writing too.
- Please ensure that your child brings in their school book bag everyday to bring home their reading books and any important information.
- Thank you for your continued support from last term to help your child with their home and school learning. Miss Thornton and Miss Ragan