



It's all Greek to me!



Start Term 5
April 2019

End Term 6
July 2019

Values, PSHE & RE Topics

Our **PSHE** this term will be linked to the core values: peace and humility.

RE will be taught by Mrs Cooper on Fridays. This term the children will be studying Hinduism.

PE lessons will be on Tuesday afternoons focussing on games and athletics.

Science: During the first half of our term we will be scientists carrying out experiments to do with Light. We will investigate how light travels and create our own periscopes. After the half-term, our focus will be on the properties and changes of materials. We will be mixing, filtering and dissolving various materials and even making new ones!

Art and DT: The children will be designing a variety of creations, both 3D and 2D, typical of ancient Greece, such as a tragedy mask and a labyrinth.

More about our topic: It's all Greek to me.

Ancient Greece was a civilisation that has had a huge impact on our modern world. Not only do we thank the Ancient Greeks for the Olympics but also for universities, theatres and even some maths-based theories.

The children will initially be learning about Greece today and then we will time travel and investigate what the country was like long before the Romans invaded. Along the way we will bump into an argument between Sparta and Athens and will discover why Zeus always carried around a bolt of lightning.

English

Once again, our English learning will be closely linked to our topic: It's all Greek to me.

As journalists, we will write a magazine article about Greece today and then we will become spies reporting back to Athens and Sparta during ancient times.

Later on in the term, our interest will change to myths and the children will write their own myth based on a popular Greek legend.

Weekly spellings sent home will either be 'common exception words' (words that are frequently used but that don't necessarily follow common spelling rules) or spellings that need further practice.

Reading for pleasure and enjoyment will continue to lie at the heart of our English curriculum.

Please continue to support and encourage your child to read at home as this is so very important in building both their pleasure in reading as well as their stamina and fluency.

Please make sure the children have their reading books at school every day. The children will bring home two books: their reading book and one chosen by them from the library.

Reading records will be checked every **Thursday**.

SATs week for Year 6 pupils is Monday 13th May to Thursday 17th May

Maths The main focus for our Maths lessons will be: Ratio, Area and Perimeter and Statistics.

Home School Topic This term, to support the children's topic learning, it would be great for them to choose a Greek myth or legend that they can represent in a format of their choosing, such as a model, painting or drawing.

