



Ancient Greeks: Legacy



Spring Term 1

Thursday 5th January 2023–
Friday 10th February 2023

Spring Term 2

Monday 20th February 2023–
Friday 31st March 2023



English: This term we shall be starting by looking at Greek mythology and so our work in English will link closely with our focus in History. As writers, we will focus on the main features of myths e.g. Heroes and Villains, -good vs evil. The children will be consolidating their knowledge of different sentence types and openers and exploring noun phrases to enhance their writing. They will also continue to learn about adjectives and the effect of similes. Later this term, we will read and write recounts in the style of a diary and non-chronological reports linked to our curriculum subjects. We will continue to work on punctuation and grammar to produce fantastic writing.

Spellings: We will continue to follow the Read Write Inc scheme for spelling, focussing on spelling rules and patterns. Spellings to learn, based on the common exception words for Year 2 and 3, will be sent home on a Monday to be tested the following week.

Reading: Children will continue to take part in Guided reading sessions and will work on fluency, inference and deduction and literal retrieval skills. Please continue to support your child to read at home on a daily basis. This is important to develop fluency and stamina in reading and we encourage each child to read their book several times over. Children should also complete a book review before changing their book. Please bring in reading books each day and sign the yellow reading record so that we can change books.

Homework: This term homework will come home on **Wednesday** and returned on **Monday**. Year 2 children have Maths homework and Year 3 children have English and Maths homework. Please continue to access TT Rockstars to learn and practise multiplication facts.

PE will continue to be taught by Mr. Barron on Friday mornings and Year 3 children will learn **German** with Mrs. Simpson on Wednesday afternoons.

Science: The topic this term is Plants. The children will be building on their existing knowledge of plants by investigating what plants need to survive and thrive. The children will be learning about the different parts of a variety of plants, and their purpose.

PSHE: The children will be taking part in lessons to consider the important people in their lives and how to develop positive relationships. They will be thinking about and discussing similarities and differences between their lives and the lives of another person in a different country, enabling them to start to explore the themes of inequality and stereotypes.

RE: The focus for RE is on the idea of God in differing religions, religious stories and symbolism.

Other areas of the curriculum covered in the Spring term will be

Geography: In the topic of coastlines, the children will be learning about the ever-changing features of coastlines and focussing on some specific coastlines of the British Isles.

History: The legacy left by the Ancient Greeks will be the focus of our work in History for the first half term. We will be exploring the Ancient Greeks' systems of democracy, life and architecture and drawing conclusions about how ideas that began in Ancient Greek times have influenced how we live now. We will also be learning about the Ancient Greek Olympics. **Music:** Karl will be teaching music in Woodpeckers this term. The children will be learning to play a musical instrument.

Art & Design: Our focus is drawing skills and understanding how to use different grades of pencil for sketching and shading.

Design Technology: We will be learning to sculpt in clay using tools to create our own Greek Columns.

