

Maths

This half term, we will be working on a range of topics. We will revisit place value, before another look at multiplication and division to reinforce what we have already done and to expand our knowledge and techniques.

After this we will move on to fractions again, building on and supporting our work from the autumn term. The it is on to statistics and finally a unit on Shape! Quite a lot to cover!

We will do our weekly mental magicians testing on Fridays as we did during the autumn. Please help by ensuring your child practises for this as it really does make a difference.

Geography

The spring term is where we traditionally look at our class country in more depth. Our country is Greece, and the children will study the human and physical geography of this country by studying maps, including digital maps.

The children will use their research skills to explore where Greece is in the world, its climate and landscape.

English

As our topic is Greece, it must be Greek Myths! We will read, listen to, and watch a variety of these fascinating stories that have stood the test of time. Once we have analysed some of them and their common features (monsters, heroes, villains, quests etc), it will be the children's job to plan and write their own myth! You can help by reading some of these at home or watching videos of them -lots are on BBC.

The children will also create a non-fiction piece about modern day Greece. They will be exposed to a variety of information texts on this subject and then create their own using features such as headings, sub-headings, and captions.

PSHE – Our focus within our Jigsaw scheme this half term is 'Dreams and Goals'. This will include work and discussion on what dreams we have for the future, helping others to achieve their goals, work ethic, positive attitude, and grit!

RE- This half term our key focus will be the incarnation. We will look at and discuss what this means and what this means to Christians. We will be thinking about the key question of whether Jesus was the Messiah.

Music – The children will be picking up where they left off with the recorder! Please can the children have their recorders in school every Monday. They will also have separate music lessons with Miss Johnston every week.

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P.E.

In PE we will continue to have two whole class P.E. sessions a week. We will learn and practise the skills to play Hockey. Then also take part in a Dance unit. The children will focus on working with others in teams and pairs.

History

We will be looking at different sources of evidence to find out about life in Ancient Greece, which we will compare to life today.

We will find where 'Ancient Greece' fits into our timeline, following on from the work we did during our Anglo- Saxon and Vikings topics.

Finally, we will look at what influence the Ancient Greeks have had on today's societies. You can help by encouraging your child to learn about Ancient Greece at home through books or the internet.

Science

Our topic will be 'Materials and their Properties'. This will be a very practical unit where the children will carry out investigations, use equipment, consider fair testing and re-test.

You can help at home by drawing your child's attention to the materials around us such as wood, types of stone, glass, metals etc- how do we know they are that material and why are some materials chosen for certain objects?

Design Technology

Restaurant Wars is back! The children will learn about Greek cuisine and ingredients. They will learn the skills to create a classic Greek dish for you all to try at our open event (see newsletter for date)

Computing

This coming half term we will be making music! We'll be using a programme called Sonic Pi to write code that will produce a range of sounds that over the weeks will be combining to create our own musical pieces.

We will also be taking part in Safer Internet Day in February. The focus is going to be Inspiring change. Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online.

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

We will be continuing with our weekly French lessons with Mrs Yarrow. In addition to the vocabulary the children will use a range of games and songs to reinforce their learning.