

Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 5 | Spring Term 1 | 2024



Dear Parents and Carers. Thank you for your continued support this academic year. We have really enjoyed learning about Contrasting Climates and Space. We especially loved our trip to the Space Centre. Have a fantastic Christmas break and we look forward to another fun-filled and learning-packed term!

This half term, our topic is Ancient Greeks and we will be focussing our learning around the key question 'What is the lasting influence of the Greeks on the modern world?'

Our 'Stunning Start' to launch our topic will be: A Greek Day workshop run by Portals to the Past.

We will enhance children's learning and 'Cultural Capital' with the following experiences and texts:

- Portals to the past experience
- Project Loan boxes from the School Library Service.

Our 'Showstopper' piece of work at the end of the topic will be:

We will be creating our own Greek vases and sharing them with other year groups.

Our 'Shared Outcome' to communicate our learning with others by creating a display of our vases and sharing them with the other classes and uploading pictures of them on Seesaw.



Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

English:

Key texts: Who Let The Gods Out by Maz Evans.

Key skills:

- Writing our own myths
- Building cohesion
- Clarifying ambiguity
- Letter writing
- Formal and informal language
- Setting description

Maths:

Key topics:

- Multiplying (up to 4 digits)
- Dividing
- Dividing with remainders
- Fractions
- Multiplying fractions

Science:

In science we will be learning about properties of materials.

Useful websites and texts to support learning in this topic:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7nrydm/articles/z2ngf82>

<https://www.britishmuseum.org/learn/schools/ages-7-11/ancient-greece>

<https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/history/ancient-greece/>

Computing: We will be learning about augmented reality (AR) and creating our own AR poster.

History: We will be learning about Ancient Greece, including the conflict between Athens and Sparta and how influential the Greeks were to our lives today.

RE: Children will explore the question: Why did a Chief Rabbi say – “Religion is about the way of creation, science is about how”?

Art: We will be creating Greek vases using clay. We will be using what they have learnt about Ancient Greece to add details and patterns.

PE: Each class will be practising Greek Dance with a performance to the other two classes and basketball.

Music: This half term we will be learning about Pop Ballads.

PSHE: We will be focusing on our dreams and goals for the future. This unit focusses on different jobs. The children will be thinking about their ideal jobs in the future.

Reminders:

- Our Library session is on every other Monday afternoon: beginning 15.01.24

