

Spring Term

English	Maths	Theme: 'Ancient Greece'	Other Subjects	What you can do to help your child this half-term
<p><u>Reading</u> This term we will once again be reading a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts. We will start by looking at a variety of travel writing and will eventually move on to read several Greek myths and legends. We will be looking at how they are structured, the type of language included and the characters involved.</p> <p><u>Writing</u> The children will plan and write their very own Greek myth borrowing from what they have researched. We will be learning how to review in our writing. The children will also practice their factual writing skills throughout the curriculum when developing informative texts all about Ancient Greece and the Greek's customs.</p> <p><u>SPaG</u> The children will be taught the necessary spelling, punctuation and grammar rules from the curriculum within their English lessons throughout the week with additional sessions regularly timetabled in the week. Spellings will continue in the same format as last term.</p>	<p>At the beginning of the term we will be starting with area and perimeter, building on the children's understanding of shape, space and measure. Following that, there will be a large focus on fractions within our maths lessons.</p> <p>Also, children will have regular practice of their times tables to ensure that they can recite and recall them fluently. We will do regular arithmetic sessions to ensure that the children are building their confidence and skills in using number effectively.</p> <p>The children will also have lots of opportunities to use and apply the mathematics they have been learning in a problem solving context. Children will practice working in a logical manner to solve worded problems as well as working on practical maths, showing that they understand how the maths they learn is used on a day to day basis.</p>	<p>The children will be learning all about life in Ancient Greece throughout the term. Some of the aspects of the curriculum content is outlined below:</p> <p><u>History</u> = The children will learn about Ancient Greece. This will include elements such as Greek Gods, the civilization and traditions of ancient Greeks, the Olympics and much more.</p> <p><u>Geography</u> = We will look at where Greece is located, they climate and the landscape. The children will draw comparisons between their own lives and that of a child in Ancient and modern day Greece.</p> <p><u>Art</u> = The children will look at a range of traditional arts from Greece including murals and landscape drawings.</p> <p><u>DT</u> = The children will have a chance to make and taste a range of Greek foods. We will also be making Greek urns and decorating them authentically.</p> <p><u>Music</u> = Sounds and music from Greece.</p> <p><u>Computing</u> = Travel blogging and writing. Interactive mapping.</p>	<p><u>Science</u> = We will be linking science to many other areas of the curriculum. We will study plants in detail when spring arrives, this will include plenty of practical activities and observations of what is growing in our local area. Additionally, we will be studying a science unit all about space.</p> <p><u>PE</u> = The children will continue to have two weekly PE sessions. The first will be with Mr North on a Tuesday morning. We will also have a games / gym session on a Friday afternoon.</p> <p><u>RE</u> = For RE we follow the agreed Essex syllabus and we will continue by looking at the relevant religious and traditional beliefs for the countries we are studying this half term.</p> <p><u>MFL</u> = The children will continue to build on their skills from previous years and practice using the French language, in spoken and written contexts.</p>	<p>The children should practice and learn their times tables fully and develop their mental maths skills.</p> <p>Furthermore, it is important that the children read each night and are regularly questioned on what they've read to help improve their comprehension.</p> 

Advance – Trip Notification Details

On Wednesday 26th February, we will be holding an all-day Greek workshop lead by an expert. The day will involve all sorts of hands on, engaging activities for the children to participate in with lots of laughter, surprises and action. Details to follow.

Homework/Spellings

The children will each receive a homework 'menu' with instructions from which they can choose. Spellings are set on a Friday and tested a week later.

PE Days

PE this term will be on Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure that they have their full kits available in school.

As always, if anyone has any questions or queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Likewise if any parents feel they have an expertise knowledge or particular interest in any aspect of what we are covering we would love to hear from you.

Signed: **Mr Lole**