

Curriculum Overview and Homework Activities



Great Greece

Our topic this half term is Great Greece. This is a History based topic that will allow us to gain the following knowledge. In History, we will learn who the Ancient Greeks were and when the civilization existed. We will also be able to order significant events chronologically on a timeline and know about the Greek Empire, how it was established and the impact that it had on the wider world. In Science, we will be learning about evolution and inheritance. We will recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the earth millions years ago. Additionally, we will recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind. In English, we will be focusing on the features of Cinquain poems as well as simile and metaphor poems. We will also be exploring the Greek Myths and Legends, looking into a range of writing techniques to create our very own myth and legend narrative. Furthermore, we will be looking at the features of non-chronological and newspaper reports before writing our own. In Art, we will be focusing on Greek vases and buildings including architects. We will understand how Ancient Greek architects have influenced the culture, creativity and wealth of the modern world and use clay to create sculptures. In PSHE, we will gain knowledge about belonging to a community. We will differentiate between prejudice and discrimination. In Computing, we will be researching Ancient Greece on Google using Purple Mash. In PE, we will focus on Football and Gymnastics. In Football, we will practice performing dribbling and turning skills to keep position of the ball. In Gymnastics, we will work with a partner to perform weight bearing partner balances safely. In Spanish, we will focus on learning key phrases relating to being at school.

Homework in year 5/6 is a really important part of the learning process and if homework is not completed pupils will be asked to stay in and complete their tasks – this will prepare them for secondary school, where the homework expectations are much more demanding.

Reading every night is the most important thing you do to support your child with their learning. *There are weekly spellings to learn as well as TTROCK-STARs and timetables practice. We also set weekly math's homework – a sheet will be stuck in the homework book ready to complete.*

*These things **MUST** be completed before attempting any of the homework tasks below. The additional tasks below are **optional**.*

Find out what foods were popular in modern Greece and write a recipe for this. You could even make this food & take a photo for your book!	Create a new Greek God by combining two of the originals together. Once you have created him or her, describe them!	Design a map of Greece. Label the famous city-states from Ancient Greece - include details of what each city-state was famous for.	What animals did they have in Ancient Greek times and how did they help humans back then? Make a booklet, factsheet or information board to present your information.
The Olympics committee have asked you to create a new Olympic sport. Explain the rules of this new sport. Include diagrams to help your explanation.	Research Ancient Greek homes and what they were like to live in. Create an information leaflet including your research.	Write a poem based on one of the Ancient Greek Gods.	Design a Ancient Greek vase based on any of the Greek Gods. Include as much information as you can. Why did the ancient Greek people worship these Gods?