

Literacy

We will start by creating a persuasive argument comparing the UK and Greece. The children will also write instructions on how to make a traditional Greek salad. Then, we will be finding out about Ancient Greek myths and legends. The children will have the chance to write their own story based upon a Greek myth. This will build up to the children writing their own play script!

Topic

We will locate mainland Greece and its islands on a map. Then we will look at the physical features, in relation to travel, and discuss the concept of communication. We will focus on the areas of Athens and Sparta, and research their laws, money, rulers, rivals and beliefs. The children will use a range of primary and secondary sources to find out about Greek homes, slavery, the role of men and women, and schools. Together we will learn about some of the Gods and Goddesses, and recap on myths and legends from Literacy. Children will also learn about English words that have Greek origins. We will look at temples and different styles of architecture. We will also investigate the Olympic Games. The children will be given the opportunity to write diary extracts about life in Ancient Greece, and they will also become journalists as they write newspaper reports on the Olympic events.

Year 3 Summer 1 Groovy Greeks



Dates for your diary

Monday 23rd April: Greek lady to visit
Year 3 (funded by the PTFA)

Wednesday 23rd May: Class 7
Assembly 2.50pm.

Useful websites

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/ancient_greeks/
<http://www.ngkids.co.uk/history/10-facts-about-the-ancient-greeks>

Numeracy

This half term, the children will revisit the basic operations and consolidate these skills before progressing to the next level. Children will be taught how to explain their mathematical thinking and explore number patterns, linked to place value. Children will develop written methods of multiplication and division. In doing so, they will develop their recall of the times tables. Children's vocabulary of shape will be developing, as they look at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, and symmetrical and non-symmetrical shapes. Rulers will be used as a tool to draw straight lines and measure in a range of contexts.

Science

This half-term the children will be seeing the light! We will investigate sources of light; observe how shadows are created, and how patterns are formed. Using this knowledge, children will explain what happens in the dark, share how reflections work and how they can be useful in the dark. We will also learn how to keep our eyes protected in the sun.

ICT

Children will use ICT as a source to research information about Ancient Greece. They will create a report on PowerPoint and a poster, using publisher. They will learn how to crop images, insert and resize. In Literacy, the children will also begin to use an online storyboard to create their own myths and legends. They could have a look at the following website at home, which enables them to submit their own stories:

<http://myths.e2bn.org/create/tool527-story-creator-2.html>

Spanish

This half term we will be learning the Spanish alphabet and how to order an ice cream! Pupils will then learn how to talk about the weather in Spanish.

R.E.

This half term, the children will be looking at the person of Jesus. They will learn about Jesus' personality and understand that Jesus was a historical figure but there is no authentic visual image of him. The children will create their own visual portrayal of Jesus based upon Art throughout the ages.



P.E.

This half term the children will be sharpening their athletic skills, just like the Olympians! We will be working on jumping, running, throwing and catching in isolation and in combination. They will become more aware of setting personal targets and self-improvement.

Music

This term, the children are very lucky because Mr Roberts, a choir master, will be delivering singing sessions once a week!

PSHE

There will be a big emphasis on how we listen and respond to others constructively. The children will discuss what a dare is and how to challenge stereotypes in a respectful way. Children will look at different scenarios and feelings and learn how to manage these feelings.

Art and DT

Over this half term, the children will be creating a piece based on the abstract art of John Coatsworth. They will be linking Ancient Greece with modern Newcastle. Also, they will be investigating Greek artefacts to find out how they were made. Then, children will recreate their own Greek vase, using a fine tip paint brush and cutting techniques to create a silhouette figure. Children will also be making a traditional Greek salad using fresh ingredients!