

Class 1 – Spring 2018

Literacy

Fiction: Reading and comparing numerous popular Greek myths, including Medusa and Perseus, Theseus and the Minotaur and The Golden Touch. Write your own Greek myth, drawing upon the elements of a myth.

Non-fiction: Instructional writing, entitled 'how to successfully slay Medusa'.

Poetry: Having fun writing our own Ancient Olympic rap!

Fiction: Reading and re-telling a range of celebratory stories from other religions, such as the story of Diwali.

Non-fiction: Research a celebrity of your choice and write their biography.

GPS: Regularly revising a variety of grammar, punctuation and spelling strategies/ skills and vocabulary.

Science

Forces – We will carry out numerous scientific investigations that will enable the class to experience the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, as well as revise the importance of gravity and how important mechanisms can be, allowing a smaller force to have a greater effect.

Sound – As well as identifying how sounds are generated and how they travel, we will explore a range of methods for altering pitch and dynamics. We are also hoping to look into sound proofing during this unit.

* We are hoping to hold a whole school Science Week in March again this year – watch this space!

French

We will be learning vocabulary to describe our physical appearance, e.g. height, hair and eye colour. We will also find out about a typical French school day and make comparisons with the UK, as well as learn some weather expressions and look at Easter traditions in France.

PE – every Tuesday and Thursday

- Play competitive team games, learning rules, skills and techniques, focusing specifically on netball.
- Create and perform sequences of movements to compose a dance.

Outdoor Learning – Every Wednesday

Outdoor learning will take the form of a £5 challenge. This involves building a business, starting with just five pounds. Children will need to use the environment to inspire them, for instance selling their own photographs of nature or building bird boxes.

Cookery – Healthy eating

Cookery this term also involves map skills! Children will complete a treasure hunt, in order to find ingredients and a method, using a map of the school to locate them. From this, they will make a healthy snack.

Mathematics

Number – Identify factors and multiples of any number, as well as prime numbers.

Fractions – Recognise equivalent fractions, compare and order fractions, add and subtract fractions with the same denominator (Y4)/different denominators and mixed numbers (Y5/6), multiply and divide fractions (Y5/6) simplify fractions and solve problems.

Decimals and percentages – Recognise and write decimal and percentage equivalents of tenths, hundredths, quarters, halves and three quarters. Find percentages of amounts (Y5/6) and solve problems involving decimals and percentages.

Multiplication and division – Rehearse multiplication and division facts to 12x12. Compare, order and round decimal amounts, multiply and divide numbers that include decimals by ten, one hundred and one thousand. Solve problems involving numbers up to three decimal places.

Algebra (Y6) - Use simple formula. Generate and describe number sequences. Express missing number problems algebraically, identify the value of missing numbers.

Shape and symmetry– Compare and classify geometric shapes, based on their properties, identify lines of symmetry in 2D shapes, identify 3D shapes from 2D representations, find missing lengths and angles in 2D shapes (Y5/6), name parts of a circle, including radius, diameter and circumference (Y6)

History

The children will explore life in Ancient Greece, including the Olympic Games, comparing life in Sparta and Athens and recognising the importance of the Greek Gods. They will also sequence significant events on a timeline.

Geography

We will be using globes, maps and atlases to locate Greece on a map, as well as exploring the physical characteristics of Greece, such as its terrain, climate, famous landmarks and surrounding islands. We will continue with our map work when locating where local, national and worldwide celebrations are held, plus comparing locations.

Music

This term we are very fortunate to be welcoming Anna Minear from Cornwall Music Service Trust, who will be teaching Class One to play the drums.

RE

Hinduism – This unit will explore Hindu symbols, beliefs and Gods, as well as worship at home and celebrations during Diwali and Holi.

Sikhism – We will look at Sikh beliefs and customs, including the 5Ks.

USEFUL WEBSITES

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools> Age appropriate, subject specific activities, games, worksheets and experiments. It also has revision activities.
www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2 Lots of links for KS2 Maths, English and Science.
<http://resources.woodlands.kent.sch.uk> Has links to the majority of subjects.
www.mathszone.co.uk Contains numerous fun Maths games and activities.
<http://www.crickweb.co.uk> Fun and useful interactive activities for most subjects as well as games for the children.



Meet The Greeks
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Let's Celebrate