



Year 3 Newsletter Term 5



In Term 5 we are very excited to start our Greek topic exploring a collection of Greek myths and legends.

English - Writing, Reading and SPaG	<p><u>Writing</u></p> <p>This term most of our work in English will be based on Greek myths. We will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retelling myths orally and in written form Debating themes and conventions in Greek Myths, such as 'what is a hero?' Analysing and creating play-scripts Creating non-fiction texts based around our Greek topic Assessing and editing changes and improvements to SPaG and content <p><u>SPaG</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and generate word families to show how words are related in form and meaning e.g. solve - solver - solution Learning suffixes -est -ily -ly -ment -ful and prefixes such as 'anti-', 're-', 'auto-', 'co-' and 'ex-' and how these change the meaning of the word Use features of non-fiction including organisational features such as themed paragraphs <p><u>Reading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to increase their familiarity of a wide range of text genres Reading aloud with volume and expression to engage the listener Retelling myths orally Identify themes and conventions in myths and legends Check that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context
Maths	<p>This term we will begin by learning more about fractions - how to add them and understand that when numerator and denominator are equal the fraction represents one whole. Time will become our focus later in this term. We will also be continuing to develop our times tables knowledge, being able to recall them in a <u>random order</u> and the corresponding division facts (2s, 3s, 5s, 4s, 8s, and 10s need to be secure by the end of Year 3).</p>
Science	<p>This term our science topic is "What plants need". In this unit children will investigate how light and hydration affect successful growth. We will be taking part in a joint schools Sunflower growing competition with each class competing to grow the tallest Sunflower. This is a good time to help your child learn about plants by maybe growing salad and vegetables at home too.</p>
History and Geography	<p><u>Ancient Greece</u></p> <p>This term we will be finding out about the history and geography of Ancient Greece. We will explore a range of themes including: life in Ancient Greece, Greek gods and goddesses, Ancient Greek pottery, schools, architecture and the Olympics.</p>
Art	<p><u>Greek Art</u></p> <p>In our Art sessions this term we will be continuing to improve our mastery of art and design techniques with a focus on using painting techniques and colour mixing. We will be designing shields, creating 'Greek style' pottery and experimenting with creating proportional drawings of Greek gods as well as drawing the many wonderful mythological monsters of Greek legends.</p>
Music	<p>This term we will be listening and responding to country music, this is linked to our indoor P.E. sessions, which will focus on Barn dancing.</p>

P.E.	<p><u>Athletics</u></p> <p>Our outdoor PE topic this term is Athletics and within this we will be developing our skills in running, jumping and throwing. We have already enjoyed a lesson javelin throwing and a carousel of running and jumping challenges in stations. Our indoor sessions will be focused on Barn dancing, learning some simple moves and linking these movements to create whole a dance to music.</p> <p>Please ensure each child has the appropriate P.E kit <u>every day</u> this term.</p>
PHSE	This term Year 3 will be exploring the theme 'Independence and taking responsibility for our learning'.
CRRE	Our topic in RE is Hinduism. We have discussed and compared concepts of what god means in different faiths and what Brahman represents to Hindus. The lessons are aimed at enabling pupils to explore faiths and beliefs, building on the Christianity themes so far covered in RE this year.
Spanish	<p>This term we will be focussing on acquiring knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The days of the week • Animals • Numbers 10-20 • Months of the Year • The phrase 'Today is...'

Learning at home

Reading every day and practising spellings for Friday tests is important to help secure your child's progress. Don't forget to practise the 3x 4x 8x tables at home. Thank you for your continued support with reading, spellings and times tables with your child.

WATER BOTTLES:

Please help keep your child well-hydrated as we move into the warmer terms. They need a labelled water bottle to keep in school - this is more hygienic than using class cups.

Kind regards,

The Year 3 Team



Please ensure your child wears a **full PE kit on MONDAY and FRIDAY** this term that includes the correct sized daps, shorts, t-shirt and long sleeved top for going outside.

