



Year 3/4 Class Term 6 Newsletter 'Ancient Greece'



Dear Parents,

I hope you had a fabulous half-term holiday and are ready for the final term! Although we've learnt a lot already we will be furthering our learning about the Ancient Greeks this term. We will be continuing to read 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief' by Rick Riordan, and finding out more about the myths and legends of that time. We will be creating some persuasive writing about Pandora's Box and finishing off the term by writing our own myths! Our topic sessions will focus on the Olympics and the differences between the Athenians and the Spartans. Our D.T. will involve getting messy with some clay! In maths, we are revisiting a lot of the areas we have already learnt about to consolidate and deepen the children's understanding. The MyMaths homework will be based around the week's learning.

We are really looking forward to our trip to Chiddingly where we will experience hands-on learning and deepen our understanding of a whole range of Ancient Greek information. If you haven't yet returned your permission slip, please do this ASAP.

Our PE days are **Monday** and **Friday**; please ensure your child's kit is always in school; trainers everyday are essential.

Helping to enrich our topics

It is always great to have items or visitors that support our topic, so if anyone has any experience or items that may help us with any of the work above that we could hear about or borrow, we would love to see and hear about them.

Reminders - Please make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and in sunnier weather ensure your child has a hat and sunscreen where possible.



















Reading	Please read with your child regularly. You may like to add a positive or helpful comment in their reading diary, but please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by signing and dating in the comments space. A member of staff will be checking reading records during the week and children are expected to have read at least 3 times a week with an adult. Adults at school will not write in the books as we have our own records.
Spellings	Spelling tests are every Thursday and Spelling workbooks are taken in on Thursday and returned on Friday. This term's spellings are focused on the Year 3&4 common exception words list. Additional spelling patterns are also taught in our weekly SPAG sessions and this term we will be focussing on words with contractions and possessive apostrophes.
Maths	Maths homework will be on MyMaths and should consist of 30 minutes per fortnight . We will also be continuing with Times Table Rock-stars to help support your child's recall of the tables. . If you do not have access to the internet at home, please let me know and we can arrange a time for your child to complete it at school. If your child has misplaced their login details, let a member of staff know and we can give you a copy.










Many thanks for your continued support,

Miss Riddall



'Ancient Greece' Learning Map

 <p>Literacy</p>	<p>'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief'</p> 	<p>Greek Mythology. 'Pandora's Box'</p> 	<p>Rewriting the story</p> 	<p>Writing our own myths</p> 
<p>Spelling and grammar</p> 	<p><u>Spelling patterns:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prefixes • Recap of Year 2 suffixes • Word families • Year 3 and 4 common exception words 		<p><u>Grammar:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech • Fronted Adverbials • Clauses • Paragraphs 	
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Fractions</p> 	<p>Decimals and Money</p> 	<p>Recap of the year's learning</p> 	
<p>P.E.</p> 	<p>Striking and Fielding</p> 			
<p>D.T.</p> 	<p>Clay modelling and painting</p> 			
<p>History</p> 	<p>The History of Ancient Greece - Olympics, Athenians and Spartans</p> 			
<p>PSHE</p> 	<p>Changing Me</p> 			

<p>Science</p> 	<p>Animals including humans - Keeping teeth healthy (investigation and working scientifically focus)</p> 	
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>Coding</p> 	<p>E-Safety</p> 
<p>R.E.</p> 	<p>Understanding Christianity: Kingdom of God</p> 	
<p>Music</p> 	<p>Charanga: Rewind, Reflect and Replay</p> 	

Useful Websites:

- <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/z87tn39>
- <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/greece/10-facts-about-the-ancient-greeks/>
- <https://www.bbc.com/teach/class-clips-video/teeth/zr8ygwX>
- https://www.ducksters.com/science/digestive_system.php
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/fractions-and-decimals>

Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term:

- Which of the words below have you learnt the meaning of?
- What is the decimal equivalent to $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$?
- What is your prediction for the tooth experiment?
- What happened in Pandora's Box?
- Who are the Spartans and Athenians?
- Do you know any differences between Spartans and Athenians?
- Which prefixes have you learnt the meanings of?

Vocabulary we will learn this term:

Pandora	prediction	results	conclusion
Athenian	Spartan	tenth	hundredth
Olympics	tradition	algorithm	sequence
prefix	suffix	clause	subordinate