

Year 4 Topic Summer 2020 - ANCIENT GREECE



Literacy: Our key text is a modern version of *The Odyssey* by Hugh Lupton and Daniel Morden, and in the first half term, pupils will be writing a piece of historical narrative; we will also be reading a variety of Greek myths and fables, and comparing different types of poetry. Children will write a poetry review as their final assessed piece. Spelling will focus on words with Greek and Latin origins, homophones and the 100 Year 3-4 key words. In grammar lessons, we will look at expanded noun phrases, prepositional phrases, the use of the apostrophe for plural possession, and review key punctuation.

Science:

We will identify how sounds are made; recognise that vibrations from sounds travel to the ear, getting fainter as the distance increases; we will also study states of matter, comparing solids, liquids and gases; observe that some materials change state when heated or cooled.

Maths:

We will consolidate understanding of decimal fractions and compare, order and round decimals; we will also focus on money and time, interpret charts and line graphs, and study the properties, position and movements of shape.



History and Geography:

In topic lessons, we will learn about the life of the Ancient Greeks and their legacy and influence on the modern world. We will look at the origins of democracy, the invention of the Olympics, ancient Greek gods and goddesses, Greek theatre, and consider evidence for the existence of Troy. In Geography lessons, we will look at the climate of Greece and describe the key features of volcanoes, mountains and earthquakes.

Art and DT:

Spartan warrior symmetry portrait;
Greek column design, straw temples;
Greek theatrical masks;
Greek food: tsaziki and fruit kebabs

RE:

The meaning and impact of Pentecost to Christians;
How to make the world a better place

French:

Vocabulary related to food, hobbies and sports; talking about abilities, wishes and preferences



Music:

Greek pentatonic scale; compositions to represent battle scenes and/or gods;
Songs from BBC Schools Radio on the theme of Helen of Troy.

