

YEAR 4, TERM 4: A GREEK ODYSSEY

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half term. This term our focus turns to ancient Greece as we continue our Mediterranean adventure. The topic this term will centre around history, myths and the Greek's lasting legacy.

Our main topic themes for Term 4 will include:-

- Investigating the role of women in ancient Greek life through the use of myths, primary and secondary sources.
- Looking at the lasting legacy of the Greeks such as democracy and the Olympics.
- Electricity – How does it work and how can we create a working circuit?
- Designing, making and evaluating our own take on the lighthouse at Alexandria using paper mache.

Our focus in RE will be Christianity, where we explore the theme of forgiveness through the Easter story and by considering Jesus' teachings through the study of specific bible passages.

PE:

We recommend that your child wears a full PE kit to school, including a sweatshirt, jogging trousers and trainers as they will be wearing it all day. Our PE days remain as Wednesday and Friday. Please also remember to bring in a coat.

English and Maths

In English we will be taking inspiration from Greek myths to create an inverted myth, with a female protagonist, using our developing narrative skills. Later in the term we will also be turning our myths into play scripts and acting them out in class.

Spelling rules will continue to be taught each week, as well as regular handwriting sessions.

In maths, we will be having an extended focus on learning about multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 before then shifting our focus to shape. Throughout this, we will be continually delving into the learning of our times-tables.

Multiplication Tables

We are now asking the children to apply their times tables in many areas of maths. It is therefore increasingly important to practise tables at home on a regular basis using TT Rockstars, with this being a home-learning expectation alongside reading and spelling.

The expectation is that all children know their tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of the year.

Spellings

As previously, new Challenge Words will continue to be set on Mondays and the spellings that adhere to the spelling rule focus of the week will follow on the Tuesday. These will be set on Spelling Shed so please do ensure plenty of practice, though using the words in sentences (both written and verbal) is also hugely beneficial for learning the meaning and use of the words.

If you have any questions or concerns then please do get in touch. We hope everyone has a lovely term and can continue in the marvellous manner of last term!

Mr Hardwick, Mr Westwood & Miss Smith