



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back, we hope you have all had a restful break. Our theme for this term is 'Ancient Greece'. We will be linking our learning across the curriculum so that the children really get the sense of the history, the beliefs and the culture of the ancient Greeks. This will include a trip to Stowe House to look at the architecture and gardens. We will also be taking a large majority of the Y3 children to Caldecotte to take part in team building and other activities on and around the lake. The children who are staying at school will be doing similar activities on site so good fun to be had by all.

Spring Term Review



We had lots of fantastic Active Planet homework projects. Thank you for your support.



Inspirational but wet visit to the local allotments.



Creating our own mini allotments. We are looking forward to harvesting our crops later in the year.

Subject overviews

English

As always our focus will be on sentence construction, using punctuation accurately for specific purposes and developing our creativity as writers. This term we will be reading a variety of Greek myths, using characters and ideas to create our own version of some familiar stories. We will also be revisiting our work on non-chronological texts which will help us research our topic and write a report on a Greek god. We will be using the features of a different genre of story writing when we write our quest myths and reporting the events in the story of King Midas in the form of a newspaper report.

Maths

Year 3 will continue to consolidate their understanding of place value and will take every opportunity to further develop written methods. We will be continuing with our work on time which we began in the Spring Term. We will also explore measure in terms of length, weight and capacity and investigate the many different ways to collect, present and question data. As always, we will take the opportunity to make links to real life situations and provide the children with practical activities to support their understanding.

Science

The first part of the summer term will focus on learning about light to include how shadows are created and how it is reflected.

In the second half of the summer term, we will be carrying out a variety of investigations designed to support and consolidate our learning over the year.

Computing

In ICT this term we will be consolidating our learning on coding and debugging as well as developing our word processing and editing skills. We will be creating a PowerPoint presentation and a DVD of a day in the life of Y3 which we hope to share with the Y2 children who will be joining us in September.

History

The topic for the summer is the 'Ancient Greeks'. The first half of the term is spent investigating who they were; where Greece is in the world and various aspects of their lives. Art, story and drama will be used to help the children to better understand life in the time of the Ancient Greeks. We will be comparing lifestyles of the Ancient Greeks and our own modern lives. We also look forward to a 'Greek Week' at the end of half term when the children will have an opportunity to dress up, make their own pots and taste some of the food.

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of who
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Homework

Spellings

The children will still receive new spellings on a Wednesday which will be stuck in their Personal Organisers. They will be tested the following Wednesday.

Reading

We ask that children are listened to while they read for about 10 minutes a day. They have an appropriate reading book given to them by the school but they could also choose to read a book from home or the library. Please support them by recording their reading in their organisers. Children who read at least 5 times per week are awarded merits.

Maths

The children are set homework using Times Tables Rock Stars which they have access to both in school and at home on any device with internet access. They may also be set written homework which will go home on a Friday.

Homework Project

This term your child will be set a homework linked to 'Ancient Greece'. This is not compulsory, although we love to see the children's work from home. Thank you for your support with this. Further details will follow.

Subject overviews

RE

In RE this term we will be looking at the practices some Christians follow and how they show their beliefs. PSHE—Towards the end of the year, we will be preparing the children for their move into Year 4 by looking at relationships and how to manage change.

Art

This half term we will be linking our Art to our Ancient Greek topic. We will be investigating Ancient Greek architecture and how buildings in the modern world have been influenced by the style. There will also be lots of opportunity to paint, make and create throughout the term in many areas of the curriculum.

French

This half term we will be reading the French version of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and creating our own story books. In the second half term our work will be around the theme of "ice-creams". Activities include talking about our favourite flavours, learning how to buy an ice-cream, understanding menus and prices and making our own ice-cream menus.

Music

The children will continue to have a specialist teacher for music. We will be continuing to learn about rhythm and pulse. They will be learning to play the samba drums. Lots of fun and noise!

Games / P.E

In the first half term PE will include Athletics and Cricket. All children will be learning to enhance their Athletics abilities in all areas. These include sprinting, endurance running, throwing and jumping. Children will be continuously looking to better their own personal performance. Athletics will take place in both Tuesday PE and Thursday Games lessons.

After half term, Tuesday PE lessons will turn to Tennis and Rounders which will be quite new to most of the year group. Games lessons will focus heavily on striking and fielding games.; mainly Cricket and Rounders which are always very popular with our children. In both sports, key focus areas will be to develop their fielding skills, batting and bowling.

During Greek Week the children will be having their own mini Olympics and you will be invited to come and watch.

PE Kit Reminder: We strongly recommend that your child brings in their full PE kit on a Monday morning and leave it in school until Friday afternoon. This will reduce the number of occasions where children forget their PE kit for lessons.

We will look at similarities and differences between these sports throughout.

Diary Dates

- Greek Week - W/C 20th May 2019
- Caldecotte Information Evening - 21st May 2019 (5.15pm)
- Greek Dress Up Day & Mini Olympics - 23rd May 2019
- Stowe Trip—24th May 2019 (last day of half term)
- Assessment Week: W/C 10th June 2019 *It is really helpful to us if the children are in school this week. It is also so much better for your child if they do their assessments with their friends.*
- Caldecotte Trip—27th & 28th June 2019