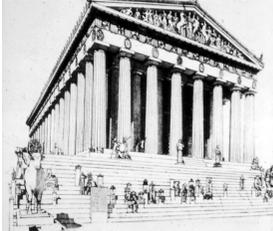


# The Ancient Greeks

Our history focus for Terms one and two is the Ancient Greeks. We will be studying the landscape, customs, dress, architecture, sport and political systems of Ancient Greece.

We have arranged for Oxfordshire's Hands on History team to visit the school and deliver practical sessions, including investigating Greek artefacts and learning about the origins of the Olympics.



## Homework Expectations

Spellings are handed out every Thursday and tested the following Thursday. A copy of the lists are available online.

Maths and Literacy homework will be set every Thursday and will need to be handed in the following Tuesday.

Reading will be checked every Friday. In year 5, children will be expected to read at least four times a week. Please record and sign this in your child's reading record.

# PE & GAMES

This term we will focus on developing skills in order to play Invasion Games such as tag rugby. The children will also investigate Greek dance and gymnastics.

P.E. lessons take place on Mondays led with Mr Roberts and Wednesdays for both classes.

Please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit, including training shoes, in school on those days. We endeavour to go outside as much as possible.

Year 5 will start swimming on Thursdays from 2nd November.

## Dates for the Diary

13th September— Parent pop in  
27th September—Mathletics Evenings  
6th October—Miss Crockett's Class Assembly  
w/c 16th October—International Week  
16th/17th October—Parents' Evening  
23 October—Half Term  
15th November—Calculation evening  
17th November—Children in Need  
w/c 27th November—Assessment week  
1st December—Christmas Craft Day,  
Miss Gray's Class Assembly  
8th December—Christmas Fayre  
12th December—Pantomime  
19th December—Church service

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## Curriculum Newsletter

# Autumn Term 2017

## Year 5

## Welcome

We hope you have had a relaxing summer break. Everybody has made a very positive start to the term and we are pleased with how well all the children have settled into their new classes and into Wing A.

If you have any queries or require further information regarding any matter, please do not hesitate to contact us at the end of the day.

Best wishes,

Miss Crockett and Miss Gray.

**R.E.** - In R.E., the children will explore different ways of showing belief with focus on Islam. After half term, we will look at the Christmas story from a biblical viewpoint, with focus on how God communicates to others.

**Art and Design** - In Art, the children will investigate designs found on ceramics from the Ancient Greek period. They will then make their own Greek clay pots. During DT sessions, the children will be undertaking a project to design their own Greek humus.

**French**— The children will be exploring how sentence structure in French is different to the English language. They will be developing their understanding of the vocabulary for colours and clothing. They will also be writing to their pen pals.

**Music**— In Music children will be exploring different beats and rhythms to allow them to create a performance about keeping healthy.

## MATHS

In Maths, children will be developing their understanding of the written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will also explore place value and mental strategies.

It is particularly important that all of the children are confident with their times tables and have instant re-call. We would be grateful if you could support our efforts in school by practising tables with your children at home.



## COMPUTING

To start the term, the children will be refreshing their understanding of how to stay safe online. They will also be exploring how data handling.

**Pen Licence**-This year, we are focusing on neat presentation. Children will therefore need to earn their pen licence annually. They can achieve this through neat handwriting.

## LITERACY

Literacy hour this term will cover myths (linked to our Greek topic), recount, persuasion and newspaper report writing. We will also investigate free verse poetry.

**Reading** - We would appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child reads regularly. You can also help by asking your child questions about the text being read.

In Year 5, children are expected to read four times a week. Reading will be checked every Friday for both classes.

## SCIENCE

The Science programme for the Autumn Term is 'Properties of Materials'. In Term 1, we will be investigating a wide range of properties, including: the hardness, transparency and solubility of different materials.

After half term, we will be exploring how to separate different materials, using processes such as evaporation, filtering and sieving.