

# 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.

Hopefully, there will be a Greek Day where we will hold a traditional Olympic event, make a discuss and bake some delicious pita bread. The children will also have the chance to take part in Greek food tasting.



## Homework

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

Maths homework will be set every Thursday and will need to be handed in the following Tuesday. Children will also be able to continue using Mathletics with their logins.

Reading will be checked every Monday. 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. The children will also take part in dance lessons. Year 5 will be resuming swimming lessons, but only when this is safe to do so, so we will let you know when this will be happening.

Pe days will be as follows:

Term 1– Outdoor Tuesday & Wednesday

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# Curriculum Newsletter

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# Year 5

## Welcome

Welcome back during these unusual times . 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. We're really impressed.

If you have any queries or require further information regarding any matter, please do not hesitate to contact us. Some of the things mentioned may not be set up straight away. For example reading diaries will not be going home straight away

Best wishes, Mrs Bailey & Miss McGuire

**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.

**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 the Solar System.

# 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

The children will be refreshing their understanding of how to stay safe online. We will also be learning how to be safe bloggers and design our own games.

**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, free verse poetry and explanation texts.

**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 Monday for both classes.

# SCIENCE

In Term 1, we will be investigating the solar system in our 'Earth and Space' topic. We will be able to name and order the planets and understand the different phases of the moon.

After half term, we will be exploring our 'Forces' topic. We will be investigating gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction.