

# 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

Spellings are tested every Tuesday. A copy of the lists have been sent home and are available online.

Maths and spag 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 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. We will be checking for diaries every day.

## PE & GAMES

This term we will be having gymnastics lessons weekly and perfecting our balance ability. The children will also take part in dance lessons. Year 5 will be re-suming swimming lessons.

Pe days will be as follows:

Term 1– Indoor Tuesday & Swimming Thursdays

Term 2– Indoor Friday & Swimming Thursdays

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## Curriculum Newsletter

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## Welcome

Welcome back to school. 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, Miss McGuire & Ms Scott

**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 continuing to learn french, embedding their knowledge on family and everyday life, clothing -which will feature a fashion show- and birthdays.

**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. Please sign their reading diaries regularly and our regular readers will receive a treat for their dedication.

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