



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! We are really looking forward to working with you and your child this academic year. This half term our new topic will have history and geography focus. The children will learn life in Ancient Greece, thinking about: how people used to live; locating Greece and landmarks on a map; learning about Greek mythology and the Ancient Olympic Games. There will be an opportunity to create their own sketches of Ancient Greek statues!

- **Reading books** should be brought into school **every day**. Please read with your child or encourage your child to read independently if they prefer. We aim to change books weekly and now have a specific library time on a Wednesday afternoon. Due to the current guidelines, when a child returns a book to school, it will remain in a lidded box for a quarantine period of 72 hours before being put back into the library.
- Your child will come to school in their PE kit on the days that they have PE. For both Year 3 classes this will be on a Monday and a Tuesday. Please ensure that they have appropriate clothing as they do go out in all weathers (shorts, tracksuit bottoms, jumper, t-shirt, trainers and socks). **All items of uniform and PE kit must be named. Children are not allowed to wear jewellery at school.** Furthermore, we also have an allocated time for Forest School, and for both Year 3 classes, this will be a Monday afternoon. Please ensure that your child brings in a change of footwear which is suitable for the forest school environment. They will also need a waterproof coat during the colder months.
- This year the children will have a drawer in the classroom but we ask that the children **do not** bring pencil cases to school please as they are provided for them due to current Covid guidance.

English

Shape Poetry

These lessons will be looking at famous monuments or landmarks from Ancient Greece and creating poetry that takes their shape. The children will create their poems thinking about imagery, similes and descriptive language.

Myths

We will be looking at Greek Myths such as Theseus and the Minotaur. The children will be writing their own version of a Greek myth.

Explanation Texts

The children will be learning about the Ancient Olympic Games. They will use their learning to write an explanation text about how the games were conducted.

Maths

Arithmetic

Solve mental calculations which involve multiple operations.

Number and Place Value	Addition	Subtraction
Identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations. Find 10 or 100 more or less than a given number. Recognise the place value of each digit in a three-digit number (hundreds, tens, ones). Compare and order numbers up to 1000 Read and write numbers up to 1000 in numerals and in words. Solve number problems and practical problems involving these ideas. Count from 0 in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100	Add numbers mentally, including: a three-digit number and ones; a three-digit number and tens; a three digit number and hundreds. Add numbers with up to three digits, using formal written methods of columnar addition. Estimate the answer to a calculation and use inverse operations to check answers. Solve problems, including missing number problems, using number facts, place value, and more complex addition.	Subtract numbers mentally, including: a three-digit number and ones; a three-digit number and tens; a three digit number and hundreds. Subtract numbers with up to three digits, using formal written methods of columnar subtraction. Estimate the answer to a calculation and use inverse operations to check answers. Solve problems, including missing number problems, using number facts, place value, and more complex subtraction.

Computing	E- Safety Programming, Creating Media and Computer Systems	The children will learn about keeping themselves safe online. The children will learn about how to program a computer, create media on the computer that relates to our topic 'Ancient Greece' and they will learn about computer systems and how to connect computers.
Science	Light	The children will be learning about- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Using light to see. - How shadows are formed. - How darkness is the absence of light. - The dangers of the sun.
RE	Christianity	The children will be thinking about the question 'What is it like to be a Christian in Britain?'
Geography	Locate Greece on a map; look at how settlements have changed	The children will use digital maps, atlases and globes to locate Greece and it's major cities and landmarks. They will be discussing what life was like in Ancient Greece and comparing it to life there today
PE	(3RC) Hockey (3HL) Tennis	The children will be developing their skills in both hockey and tennis. They will learn lots of new skills that are transferrable across a range of sports.
Art	Sketching	Pupils will have the chance observe and sketch monuments and statues from Ancient Greece.

Things that you could do at home:

- Use your local library to find out about Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses.
- Design your own mythical creature- take inspiration from the creatures in Greek myths.
- Try some Greek cuisine such as mousakka, figs, goats cheese or taramasalata

Here are a few websites that may help to support your child's learning during this half term.

Maths

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>

Number, Place Value, Four Operations,

English

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/>

Reading, Writing and Grammar

Science

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics>