

English

This half term, we will be writing a Greek myth and retelling a narrative story.

For the myth, we will focus on describing characters appearances, thoughts and feelings, and looking at the main features such as adverbials, powerful verbs and adjectives.

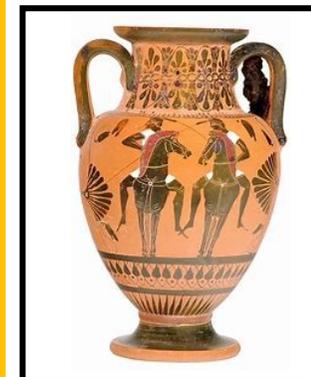
For the narrative story, we will focus on describing key events, settings and characters. Stories will include direct speech, high level punctuation and noun-phrases.

Maths

This half term, we will be focusing on multiplication and division. This will include learning and practising the times tables up to 12 x 12; multiplying three numbers and identifying factor pairs. We will also learn to use formal written methods to multiply two and three digit numbers by one digit. In division, we will be learning and practising division facts, as well as learning the formal written method for division (the bus stop method). In addition, we will be learning how to calculate and compare the areas of 2D shapes.

Science

This half term, we will focus on the digestive system in humans and animals and the functions of teeth. They will find out what damages teeth and how to look after them. Children will learn more about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores in the context of teeth, digestion and the food chain. In addition, they will extend their understanding of food chains to more complex chains and food webs.



Topic

As part of our topic based around Ancient Greece, we will look at the advantages of being rich. We will discuss the civilisation from this period in history and children will compare to other ancient civilisations. They will understand the meaning of the word empire and how Ancient Greece was able to establish one.

We will look at the different Greek myths and learn about what people in Ancient Greece might have believed and how the religion and/or Gods influence us today. We will analyse how artefacts help us work out what life was like in the past.

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4 Spring 1

What were the advantages of being rich in Ancient Greece?

Enrichment: Ancient Greek Day

P.E: Gymnastics (balance)

Homework: Weekly Spellings, Maths and Topic

RE

This half-term, we are studying Buddhism. We will learn about the life of Buddha and understand the significance of Wesak.

PSHE

We will learn about health education and focus on mental well-being and self care techniques.

French

We will learn and use words relating to our body.

Computing

Exploring online safety and conducting research about Ancient Greece.

Music

Children will continue to receive instrumental lessons and will develop skills for reading pitch and rhythmic notation.

Suggested books to read

Mouse Bird Snake Wolf by David Almond

So you think you've got it bad? A kid's life in Ancient Greece by Chae Strathie and Marisa Morea.

Who Let The Gods Out? by Maz Evans

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Greek Gods and Heroes by Sylvie Baussier

Suggested places to visit

The British Museum
The Fitzwilliam Museum

Suggested websites to visit

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Greece.html>
<https://www.mysteriesintime.co.uk/ancient-greece-for-kids>