

GROOVY GREEKS  
YEAR 4  
AUTUMN TERM 2020



# **SPARKLING STARTER**

## **GREEK GOD/GODDESS QUIZ**

Ancient Greece was a powerful civilization that ruled much of the Mediterranean region.



# **FABULOUS FINISH**

## **GROOVY GREEK POTS**

# English

## Class Text

The Greek myths will come alive through shared reading. Hercules will be the inspiration for extended story writing.

## How can you help?

Talk to your child about what they can remember from the myths and legends. Ask them questions such as:

What do you like or dislike about it? What are the themes of the story? Which character do you like best and why?

Encourage them to use examples from the story itself. E.g. *"I like Medusa because..."*

Please don't watch the film with your child as this will be shown as the weeks and story progresses.



## We will be writing:

- Our own story of Hercules.
- A description of the setting and characters in detail.
- Newspaper reports on Greek events
- Instructions/explanations on how to make a Greek Temple

We will be performing poetry linked to the Ancient Greeks.

## Assessment

The children will sit a half termly test in reading and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. This will inform future planning and teaching.

# Maths

## Overview

- Measurement: Length and Perimeter
- Number: Multiplication and Division

## How can you help?

Please continue to encourage your child to learn their times tables and associated division facts.

e.g

$$3 \times 8 = ? \quad 8 \times 3 = ?$$

$$24 \div 8 = ? \quad 24 \div 3 = ?$$

Why not visit these websites at home:

[www.myminimaths.co.uk](http://www.myminimaths.co.uk)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-the-button>

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>



## How do we plan?

We use The White Rose Maths Scheme of Learning alongside other material.



## Assessment

The children will sit a half termly test in arithmetic and reasoning. This will inform future planning and teaching.

# Science

In Science, we will be learning about 'Light'. We will be discussing different light sources. We will then observing and investigating how shadows are formed. We will also look at how light travels through different materials



## How can you help?

- \*research spread sheets
- \*research information on light and identify different light sources at home
- \*use a light source to create a puppet show

# Computing

In Computing, we will be looking at spread sheets on purple mash. We will also be creating our own spread sheets. We will also be looking at Google classrooms and completing activities.



# History

In History, we will be using primary and secondary resources to learn about the life and times of Ancient Greeks.

We will look at timelines to place the period, research and compare city states, learn about Greek Gods and find out when and where the Olympic games began.



# Art

In Art, we will be researching Greek pots. We will use our sketch books to collect and record ideas and work towards a final piece using the technique of modelling using clay.

## RE

We will be learning about Diwali, 'The Festival of Lights' and we will be looking at the Christmas story.





# PE

In PE, we will be developing our ball skills. We will be focusing on different throwing techniques and receiving the ball.



# French

In French, we will be following the Salut programme and we will learn how to describe our town as well as how to describe people.

# Mindfulness



Every day we do daily mindfulness this can be in the form of:

- \*mindfulness colouring
- \*yoga
- \*listening to calming music
- \*movement

# PSHE



In PSHE, we will be looking at relationships and feelings. We will be discussing through circle times, how we deal with confrontations and we can resolve conflicts between peers.

# General Information

## Diary Dates

11/11/19: Armistice Day  
12/11/19: Outdoor learning day  
13/11/20: Children in Need  
13/11/20: Half termly report  
16/11/20: Phone calls to parents  
23/11/20: Phone calls to parents  
30/11/20: St Andrew's  
11/12/20: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner  
18/12/20: Last Day

### PE Days

On a Wednesday and a Friday

## Homework

Homework consists of: regularly reading, spelling and times table practise (times table rock stars and practise for a weekly test in school) a Maths activity or a reading activity.

Homework will be set on Seesaw on a Friday and will be expected to be completed by the following Thursday.

Please ask your child to seek help from a member of staff if they are having difficulty with their homework.