

Year 3

Autumn Term 1 – Journey to Greece



Main Texts

Orchard Greek Myths by Geraldine Mc Caughrean
Greek Myths by Marcia Williams

Maths

We start the year working with numbers and place value. We will also work on addition and subtraction and think about the different methods we can use to solve questions in a range of contexts. We will continue to use formal methods of addition and subtraction, including the column method. We will develop our ability to solve problems and work on using our mathematical reasoning skills to tackle different questions. We will continue to practice the times tables we already know and begin to learn how to count in fours and eights.

Science

As part of our 'Animals including humans' topic we will explore the different types of skeletons that animals have and compare these. We will learn some names of bones in the human body and carry out an investigation to compare the skull circumferences of girls and boys and explore how muscles work. We will also learn more about what makes a healthy, balanced diet, about the nutrients that different foods provide and how these nutrients help our bodies.

Vocabulary:
Skeleton, vertebrate, invertebrate, skull, support, movement, muscle, diet, food chain, herbivore, carnivore, nutrition



Come and See

We will explore the topic of 'Homes' and think about why our homes are so special to us. We will also look at the topic of 'Promises' and consider why keeping a promise is so important. We will think about the promises that Christians make during their lives, in particular, the ones we make during the Sacrament of Baptism.

Vocabulary:

home, family, joys, sorrows, promises, community, promises, Sacrament, faith, welcome. Church.

English

We will be reading the book, 'Greek Myths,' which will link to our history topic about Ancient Greece. We will learn what a myth is, explore the different gods, goddesses and mythical creatures in the stories and describe the different settings in the book. We will improve our use of descriptive language, including impressive adjectives and similes. We will also retell an exciting myth scene from a different perspective, thinking about the structure of our writing and the vocabulary we use.

As well as consolidating our knowledge of basic features of punctuation such as full stops and capital letters, we will also understand how to use conjunctions to express time and cause and start to use and punctuate direct speech. Also, in conjunction with our history topic about Ancient Greece, we will write a news report on the Spartans and Athenians.

We will continue to practice our Year 2 spellings as well as start to learn our Year 3 words.

We will learn about the correct form of 'a' or 'an', start to use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary and start to use prefixes ('un', 'dis', 'mis', 'im') and suffixes ('ous' and 'ly') and understand how to add them.

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Humanities

Geography

In geography we will learn to locate Greece in the world, using maps atlases and globes and study its islands, landmarks, coastlines and mountains, trade and industry. We will use computer software to look at physical geographical features of Greece and 3-D modelling software to study landmarks such as the Parthenon ruins in Athens.

History

In our topic 'Journey to Greece' we will learn about Ancient Greece, and how people lived in this period. We will study famous figures and events in Greek history such as the first Olympic games, the poet Homer, and Alexander the Great. We will learn about Greek society, how Greece was the birthplace of democracy and how Greek citizens lived differently in the cities of Athens and Sparta.

Vocabulary:

B.C. (before Christ), Greece, timeline, island, mountain, civilisation, society, democracy, conflict, Olympics, myth, gods and goddesses

STEM

DT

As a cross curricular topic – with our topic and Science – the children will be looking at what makes a healthy diet, looking at foods that are grown in the Mediterranean and Greek islands

Computing

We will be learning all about digital devices - what a digital device is, the types of digital devices that exist, and the parts of a computer and what they do. We will also learn about connecting computers, and computer networks, and examine the computer networks that exist in our school and beyond.

Arts

Art

As part of our Greece topics, we will explore Greek art and architecture including looking at a computer-generated 3D model of the Parthenon in Athens

Music

This half term we will be exploring and developing our notation skills and learning about the ancient origins of music and how music can be a way of bringing people together.

PE

Football Dance