

This half term our topic is

Ancient Greece



Literacy

Writing:

You're a Bad Man Mr Gum - In our first teaching sequence we will be writing a set of instructions linked to the evil Mr Gum. We will be taking the role of a stealthy, crafty Mr Gum character and producing a set of dastardly instructions for how to dispose of a big friendly dog like Jake the dog.

Myths from Ancient Greece - For our second teaching sequence this half term we will be reading a selection of Greek myths and then we will be creating our own Greek myths using some of the characters and ideas we have read about. This will also be animated in our Computing lessons.

Reading - We aim to do some reading in school every day, whether this is guided reading, individual reading or whole class reading. This term we are all taking part in a Fluency project, as research has shown that paying really close and dedicated time to children's fluency in reading, can help their overall reading standard to improve dramatically.

Spelling - as well as the 'Sounds spelling' that we do in school every day in Owls class, everyone in Owls class will also be taking 5 spellings home each week which are key words that they need to know from the government statutory spelling list.

Maths

This half term our main area of learning is going to be multiplication and division. We will be developing our knowledge of times tables facts and then using and applying these. We will also be doing some work on measurement of time, perimeter and area.

Science

We will be exploring the two topics of Sound, and Rocks. An on-going theme will be developing an awareness of birds that visit our playground and we will be taking part in the RSPB school bird watch.

Art/DT

This half term we will be exploring line and shape. We will also be using clay to make a selection of simple pots linked to our Ancient Greek topic.

French: We will continue to listen to French, speak in French and write in French. We will be having a French café with French food and drink which we will need to order in French. We will be making small talk with the waitress about the weather. We will also visit the 'docteur' and tell him how we are feeling using our knowledge of French for parts of the body.

PSHE: This half term we will be learning about Diverse Britain. We will be thinking about what we think it means to be British and challenging some of the stereotypes surrounding this. We will be learning about British values such as democracy, liberty and tolerance.

Music: We are learning how to play the recorder and hope to perform some short pieces before Easter. Linked to this, we will be listening to a selection of Early Music, including Vivaldi and Bach; and developing our sense of pulse.

RE: We are looking at the theme of Pilgrimage and Sacred Places, with reference to Christianity and Hinduism.

ICT: This half term our Computing block of learning will be focusing on the skills of animation. We will be creating an animated Greek myth.

Physical Education: This half term our PE lessons link to our Ancient Greece topic. We will be doing an athletic block linked to the Ancient Greek Olympics and we will also be learning a Greek dance.

History:

Within the topic of Ancient Greeks, we are going to learn about the gods and goddesses, myths and monsters; Athens and Sparta; the Greek alphabet; some of the things we owe to the Ancient Greeks such as architecture and maths; and daily life. We hope to have a Greek Day and we will be making a model of the Olympic Games.

Experiences: We will be continuing with our 'Wellie Walks' on a Friday which is our opportunity to focus on outdoor learning. Many of these sessions then have an art/DT related creative outcome. Sometimes we will go in the morning, sometimes the afternoon depending on the weather. We will be having a Greek Day at the end of our Ancient Greece topic.