

Year 5/6 Topic overview- Spring 2: Ancient Greece

English

In English, we will be focusing on fictional writing to entertain. We will be exploring Greek myths in more depth and selecting an audience for our spoken and written outcomes. We will be choosing to retell those myths familiar to us from a different character's point of view, or we will be writing our own myths. We will also be celebrating vocabulary and all things books on World Book Day and exploring folktales across classes and key stages during Book Week. Some of us will also be keen to enter competitions and challenges linked to our reading this term.

Maths

Year 5 will be learning about perimeter and area in rectangles, polygons and compound shapes. We will also learn about statistics, which will include reading, interpreting and drawing line graphs, as well as reading and interpreting timetables and two way tables.

Year 6 will focus on fractions, decimals and percentages, including decimal, fraction and percentage equivalents and ordering them. We will also learn about one step and multistep problems, using percentages of amounts. We will also learn about shapes, focusing on area and perimeter. We will learn how to find the area of a triangle and a parallelogram, as well as finding the volume of a cuboid.

Science

In science we will be grouping, classifying and identifying plants, animals and micro-organisms. We will learn about the five kingdoms and think about where different living things are grouped within these kingdoms. We will then focus on sorting, classifying and identifying animals and plants by creating our own branching tree diagrams.

Music

Our music learning this half term is focused around one song: The Fresh Prince Of Bel Air. We will start by exploring the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc) then focus on improvisation and composition.

History

We will continue to learn about the Ancient Greeks, starting with finding out about the struggles between the Athenians and Spartans. We will then look at some of the amazing things the Ancient Greeks invented and did. Finally we will think about the Olympics, comparing Ancient Greek Olympics with the modern day Olympics.

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Computing

In computing we will be using Scratch to create an Ancient Greece quiz. In designing and programming the quiz, we will be testing it to recognise when it needs to be de-bugged.

PE

Indoor – Ancient Greece Dance
We will be working in partners and groups to link phrases to create a performance. We will be learning about rhythm and spatial awareness.

Outdoor – Basketball
We will be focusing on catching, throwing and controlling the ball within a game of basketball. We will be thinking about attackers and defenders in a small-sided game, thinking about tactics to improve performance.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be learning about personal safety, which will start by finding out about how to recognise if you feel safe and who / how to ask for help. We will be thinking about our own actions, personal boundaries and safe or unsafe secrets.

RE

We will be continuing to learn about 'Jesus: his life and his miracles'. We will be focusing on Easter and explore stories told during Holy Week, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. We will learn how these relate to Christians' beliefs.

Art

In art we will be learning about creating movement and proportions of the body. We will be looking at portraits of the face, as well as proportions of the body from the front and side, before drawing a figure depicting movement.

Spanish

In Spring, we will focus on sports and opinions. Children will learn how to pronounce sports accurately from text, applying their phonics knowledge from previous years. They will also practise using a dictionary to look up unknown words.