

Year 5/6 Topic Overview- Spring 1: Ancient Greece

English

In English, we will be writing to entertain. Taking our inspiration from an exploration of Greek myths, we will be creating our own mythological characters and fictional setting descriptions. As we write, we will be thinking about the audience and purpose of our writing and using our pupil voice when deciding how and where to publish our creative outcomes.

Maths

Year 6

- Ratio and proportion, and solving problems involving these.
- Algebra and solve one and two step equations and solve problems with two unknowns.
- Decimal numbers including place value, rounding and using all four operations.

Year 5

- Multiplying larger numbers and short division.
- Fractions, learning how to find the fraction of an amount and multiply fractions.

Science

In science we will be looking at how the Earth has changed over time and how plants and animals have responded to this, though adaptations and evolution. We will be exploring how we know about plants and animals from the past by learning about fossils. We will think about reproduction and offspring, thinking about how offspring normally vary and are not identical to their parents.

Music

In Music, we will be focusing on singing around the theme Ancient Greece. We will begin by learning songs, finding the beat and using body percussion, before moving on to add tuned instruments to the songs.

History

In History we will be learning about the Ancient Greeks, focusing on Greek life, achievements and their influence on the western world. We will use atlases to locate Greece and timelines to place Ancient Greece alongside other historical events. We will learn about Gods and Goddesses, as well as the roles and rights of different types of people in Ancient Greece. We will use primary and secondary sources of information to learn about daily life in Ancient Greece.

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Computing

We will be learning about databases and spreadsheets in Computing. First we will be collecting and entering our data, before formatting it and constructing a simple formula. We will then use charts to look at our data and identify which chart or table would work best.

PE

Indoor – Hardwick site will be doing a unit on Ancient Greece Dance and Cambourne will be doing gymnastics with a focus on group work.

Outdoor – Basketball
We will be learning the basic rules of basketball, thinking about the importance of dribbling and maintaining possession, all whilst keeping control within the game.

PSHE

This half term, we will be exploring themes of friends and family. We will explore characteristics of healthy friendships on and offline, whilst thinking about the skills needed for choosing, making and developing new friendships. We will develop strategies to manage pressures on friendship and family relationships, keeping communication, empathy and compromise at the forefront of our learning around conflict resolution.

We will also be spending some time raising our awareness and discussing ways of keeping safe online through our Safer Internet Day.

In the final week of half term, we will be celebrating Children's Mental Health week and looking at ways we can improve our own mental health.

RE

In RE, we will be exploring Jesus' miracles and their importance. We will begin by thinking about what a miracle is and read some of Jesus' miracle stories. We will then ask questions about why miracles are important.

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 Spanish we will be using verbs to discuss sports, including which sports we do and how often. We will then adapt sentences to write about sports we do and when. We will be using dictionaries to look up nouns.