

Curriculum Overview and Homework Activities



Great Greece

Our topic this half term is **Great Greece**. This is a History-based topic that will allow us to develop the following knowledge. In History, we will learn who the Ancient Greeks were and when this civilisation existed. We will also be able to order significant events chronologically on a timeline and learn about the Greek Empire, how it was established and the impact that it had on the wider world. In Science, we will be learning about **evolution and inheritance**. We will recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. Additionally, we will recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents. In Art, we will be focusing on **Greek vases and buildings**, including the work of architects. We will understand how Ancient Greek architects have influenced the culture, creativity and design of the modern world and use clay to create sculptures. In PSHE, we will develop our knowledge about **belonging to a community**. We will differentiate between prejudice and discrimination. In Computing, we will be researching Ancient Greece using Google and Purple Mash. In PE, we will focus on **Football and Gymnastics**. In Football, we will practise performing dribbling and turning skills to maintain possession of the ball. In Gymnastics, we will work with a partner to perform weight-bearing partner balances safely. In Spanish, we will focus on learning about **World War II**. In addition to all this exciting learning, we will be using the **'I'm a Clever Writer' approach**. We will be studying a range of texts linked to our topic, Great Greece, while focusing on sentence structure, effective language choices and developing our use of punctuation.

Homework in year 5/6 is a really important part of the learning process and if homework is not completed pupils will be asked to stay in and complete their tasks – this will prepare them for secondary school, where the homework expectations are much more demanding.

Reading every night is the most important thing you do to support your child with their learning. *There are weekly spellings to learn as well as TTROCKSTARS and timetables practice. We also set weekly math's homework – a sheet will be stuck in the homework book ready to complete.*

*These things **MUST** be completed before attempting any of the homework tasks below. The additional tasks below are **optional**.*

Find out which foods are popular in modern Greece and write a recipe for one of them. You could even make the food and take a photograph to include in your book!	Create a brand-new Greek God by combining two of the original Greek Gods. Once you have created them, give them a name, special powers and responsibilities, then describe them using a range of interesting vocabulary!	Design a detailed map of Greece. Label some of the famous city-states of Ancient Greece and include information about what each city-state was famous for.	What animals lived in Ancient Greece and how did they help humans? Create a booklet, factsheet or information board to present your research.
The Olympic Committee has asked you to create a brand-new Olympic sport! Explain the rules of your sport and include diagrams or illustrations to help explain how it is played.	Research Ancient Greek homes and find out what they were like to live in. Create an interesting information leaflet explaining what you have discovered.	Write a poem based on one of the Ancient Greek Gods. Try to use descriptive language, similes, metaphors and other poetic techniques to bring your God to life!	Design your own Ancient Greek vase based on one of the Greek Gods. Include as much information as you can about your chosen God. Think carefully about the images, symbols and patterns you could include on your vase.