



OUR TOPIC IS... GROOVY GREEKS

English

This half term we will be exploring a wide range of writing genres including free verse poems, fiction writing through the development of our own 'finding tales' and report writing by exploring the fictional setting of Pandora from the film Avatar. There will be a particular focus on developing clear and accurate sentence structures as well as incorporating a wider range of fronted adverbials and conjunctions. After the half term break, we will write stories which involve conquering monsters and develop explanation writing skills. Grammatical elements will continue to develop the children's understanding of different text and language features and focus on creating characters, plot and settings. Reading is woven through many aspects of our curriculum however there will also be a guided reading session carried out daily. Each week, groups will have time to explore a fiction or non-fiction text, and discuss and develop comprehension skills independently and with the teacher.



Maths

Year 4 will look at securing and extending their understanding of number and place value with numbers up to 10,000. An important aspect of the school curriculum is on reasoning and explaining ideas and we will spend some time exploring patterns and relationships between Roman numerals and our modern number system, as well as rounding and comparing numbers. Following on from this, we will be developing and refining formal and informal methods for addition and subtraction. Next half term, we will be exploring links to measure with a particular focus on length and perimeter. Our calculation lessons will focus on developing and securing methods for multiplication and division. For further information about our calculation policy and the written methods we will be using for each of the four operations, visit our school website.



Topic

This term we are exploring the world of the Ancient Greeks, starting with our exciting creative dress up day on the **21st September**. Historical skills will be developed as children begin to understand what daily life was like for citizens of Ancient Greece, the structure of society and how different states were run. As part of our geography learning, we will look at the geographical placement of Greece using a range of maps and atlases and comparing the country and its features to the UK. The impact and legacy of Ancient Greece on life in Britain will also be explored, in particular aspects of the culture, Olympics and democracy.



Science

We begin our new Science topic by exploring life and the common features of all living things. Children will learn about how scientists classify and group plants and animals by observing common qualities and using keys. Following from this topic, children will go into more detail about humans and animals, developing an understanding of food chains in nature and how the digestive system works. All Science learning will give children opportunities to carry out practical experiments and develop investigation skills.



Computing

This term's E-Safety focus is on the SMART rules for safe internet use and ensuring children know what to do if they are concerned about anything when online. We will be developing general IT and word processing skills using laptops and iPads and will begin to code our own games using 'Scratch'.



RE

This term's concepts are Temptation and the Holy Mary. Children will learn about similarities in these concepts between Christianity and other world religions.



PE

To begin with, we will be developing netball in PE as well as choreographing dances which tell the story of an Ancient Greek Myth. Next half term, children will learn skills and tactics for football and also complete an orienteering unit.



MFL - French

Children will develop French vocabulary and grammar skills to ask questions and describe animals and pets as well as improve counting skills. They will also explore French culture Christmas traditions.



Music

Children will develop their composing skills in Music and make links to our History learning about the Ancient Greek Gods.



PSHE

In PSHE and circle time, children will develop an understanding of relationships, including how their own behaviour can affect these. They will explore health and wellbeing after the half term break. Anti-bullying week will take place in the second half term.



Art and Design Technology

In Art, children will create their own Greek pottery using clay. They will explore how pots are made and consider effective designs to decorate them. In DT we will be designing and then sewing and evaluating our own Christmas decorations!

