

The Ancient Greeks



Year 5 Summer Term 2024



Topic Overview

In this exciting topic, the children will be taken back to Ancient Greece and explore the influence that Greek society had on modern day.

Having had our Stunning Start in week 1, the children have started this topic with a bang. From designing Greek architecture, to food tasting and even the Greek Olympics.

We will be getting a feel for this vibrant country through art, with the creation of Greek pots. In history we will be delving into Greek Gods and in English exploring Greek Myths too.

Later on in the term, we will be having a workshop day with Portals to The Past in which the children will travel back to imagine what life may have been like in Ancient Greek times.

English

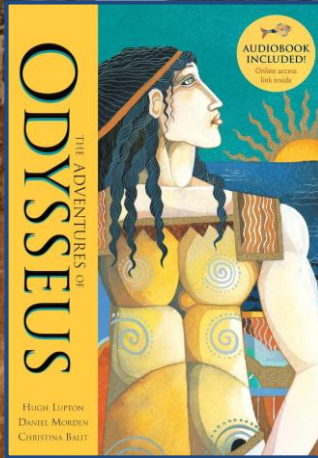
Our English lessons (both reading and writing) will revolve around the texts 'The Adventures of Odysseus' by Hugh Lupton and 'So You Think You've Got It Bad' Life In Ancient Greece by Chae Strathie. These incredibly exciting texts will inspire the children, and immerse them in writing projects. We are also incredibly lucky to have the opportunity to 'virtually' meet a variety of authors this term!

History

In history this term, we will be learning about the Ancient Greek civilisation. We will be exploring everyday Greek life, such as their farming, religion and architecture, as well as their main achievements and their influence on the western world.

Music

In music, we will be learning about different genres of music through listening and appraising. We will focus on how to make musical choices and create melodies, to create our own compositions.



Computing

During computing lessons, we will be learning about how to be a web developer! We will begin by exploring different websites and search engines and then will finally have a go at creating our own web page.

Art and DT

During our art and DT lessons, Year 5 will be investigating Ancient Greek pottery. We will look at the pictures and themes depicted, the patterns and shapes that were used. We will then explore techniques for shaping clay and create our own Ancient Greek pottery.

Geography

Alongside learning about Paris, we will also be revisiting our location and place knowledge by locating world countries and cities and learning more about their biomes and environmental regions.

Mathematics

We will begin to revisit some of the maths covered last term, as well as focusing on area and perimeter, volume and roman numerals. Any practise and support the children can get with their times tables will be of the utmost importance, as these come into so many other areas (including fractions and telling the time).

Science

Our Summer Term science will focus on 'Living Things and their Habitats'. During the unit, we will learn about and compare the life cycles and habitats of a range of living things. We will even watch caterpillars transform into butterflies!



PSHCE

This term we will be focusing on 'Gypsy Roma Travellers' by learning about their history, heritage and culture. We will also be learning more about puberty within our relationships and sex education unit.

French

We will be asking questions about someone's identity and learning to describe the planets. We will also be persuading people to visit the seaside!

P.E.

Portland Road will be taking part in Outdoor and Adventurous Activities, handball, rounders and athletics. Holland Road will be working on their handball skills for their indoor PE session and their striking and fielding skills for outdoor PE.

Religious Education

During the term, we shall be exploring the following questions:

What do different people believe about God?

What does it mean to be a Buddhist in Britain today?



TAKE HOME TASKS

Research and present

- Write a diary entry as Odysseus or one of his crew members.
- Choose an Ancient Greek city state to research and make a poster with your findings.
- Research a traditional Greek recipe. Have a go at making the recipe and remember to take lots of pictures!
- Find out about one of the 12 Olympian Gods and Goddesses: What were they known for? What were their powers? Who were they related to?
- Research other myths from Ancient Greece.

Design and make

- Produce a quiz, fact file or a board game on the Ancient Greeks.
- Make some top trump cards on different Ancient Greek Gods.
- Design a repeated geometric pattern as seen on Greek pottery.
- Make a Greek dish (humorous).
- Write a rule book for the first Olympic Games.
- Make a poster or a 3D model of The Parthenon.
- Design and build armour that would survive the Trojan War.

Fortnightly home learning tasks

Children will be set fortnightly home learning tasks which they will be expected to complete by the following Wednesday. These will comprise of a spelling task, a maths task and an English based task, which may have a reading focus or a creative writing focus. We are attempting to develop pupil resilience and encourage them to take risks so even if they are unsure of an answer, we would like them to make an attempt. These tasks may be completed in the Google Classroom or on paper.

Take Home Tasks

A sheet of suggested take home tasks is included. Children can choose an activity from these to complete alongside their home learning. During this term, please try to encourage your child to complete as many of the tasks as possible in an imaginative way. These tasks are designed to be family projects where all members of the family can get involved with bringing our current topic to life at home. We would suggest that you try to complete at least two of these tasks during the term.

You could also come up with ideas of your own.

The tasks can be completed/uploaded in the Google Classroom if you wish.

Thank you ever so much for your continued help and support with your child's learning.



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School Term and Holiday Dates 2023-24

	Sep-23					Oct-23					Nov-23					Dec-23					
Monday	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25
Tuesday	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26
Wednesday	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27
Thursday	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
Friday	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
Sunday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31

	Jan-24					Feb-24					Mar-24					Apr-24				
Monday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
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Sunday	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28

	May-24					Jun-24					Jul-24					Aug-24					
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PE will take place on the following days (please wear your PE kit to school on these days):

5 Amber: Wednesdays and Fridays

5 Sapphire: Mondays and Tuesdays

5 Green: Mondays and Wednesdays

5 Red: Mondays and Fridays

5 Yellow: Mondays and Wednesdays

5 Blue: Tuesdays and Thursdays