

Literacy

In Literacy the children will:

- Read a range of literature and other historical source materials to find out information about Zeus as well as the other twelve Olympians.
- Write a series of non-fiction texts in the form of information leaflets about the different Gods and Goddesses associated with Ancient Greece.
- Produce a diary entry from the perspective of Daedalus taking into account what everyday life was like for him during the historical context.
- Write a letter from the perspective of an Athenian child about the prospect of facing an encounter with the Minotaur.
- Produce instructional writing based on the building the Trojan horse.

There will be continued focus on developing:

- Writing stamina
- Handwriting
- Using a range of punctuation accurately.
- Grammar
- Spelling

Reading Comprehension will be completed weekly and the children will participate in regular guided reading sessions.

This half term our imaginative learning project is called 'Gods and Mortals'. This will be a history focused topic with lots of exciting learning opportunities for the children!

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What you could do at home to support your child:

- Encourage your child to attend and engage with online lessons
- Encourage your child to be organised, prepared and on time for their online lessons
- Encourage them to read independently or to someone else, make use of reading planet.
- Asking your child questions about their reading
- Test them on key grammar terms such as nouns, adjectives etc.

R.E

In RE we will be learning about what it means to be a Muslim.

We will consider:

- Some of the similarities and differences between Islam and other main religions.
- The role of Muhammad in the faith of Islam.
- The significance of the mosque and prayer in Islam.

ICT

- We will be finding out information from different websites and computer programmes about the 'Twelve Olympians'.
- Programming- We will continue to use Scratch and other software to improve the children's ability to programme and code and to gain an understanding of key ICT terms such as algorithms, sequencing, repetition, input and output.

Geography

- We will be investigating maps of Ancient Greece, noting how the country was once divided into a collection of smaller city-states.
- We will locate Greece on a map taking into account the Greek landscape, making judgements about physical aspects of its geography including weather and terrain.

Numeracy

We will be working on:

- Problem solving to increase the children's ability to work systematically to solve word and number problems individually and in groups.
- Developing our written methods for the four operations.
- Building up our mental addition and subtraction skills.
- Learning Roman Numerals and using these to help us tell the time.
- Continuing to learn our 3, 4 and 8 times table.
- Finding fractions of a shape, object or a given number.

History

- We will be looking at the history of Ancient Greece including the battles, wars and some of the other key events that influenced the world during the Ancient Greek era.
- We will be focusing on the first Olympic Games.
- We will be looking at a selection of ancient Greek soldiers and finding out what weapons, armour and uniform they would have used and compare them with that of other historical soldiers.

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PE

Developing core strength through use of Joe Wicks, Croydon Partnership, Just Dance and outdoor activities.

Increase your stamina- Can you work out for longer periods than before? Can you run faster? Can you do more sit ups?

Increase levels of fitness by working out regularly.

Ball skills- Can you practise skilled throws with a partner? Can you kick the ball further than before?

Go for regular/daily walks or runs.

Science

- We will be looking at the life cycle of plants and how they adapt to their surroundings.
- We will identify and describe the functions of common plant parts and explain how their structure is suited to their function.
- Recognise that plants make their own food necessary for growth and survival, storing it in their leaves.

Art & Design

Our Art work will link to our theme and will have a particular focus on:

- Making sketches of Greek plates, pots and patterns.
- Producing a portrait of a mythical creature that we have created.
- Using a range of different artistic techniques to produce representations of some of the key characters in our topic of Gods and Mortals.