

Art and DT

We will be using Art skills to create acrylic paint representations of the planets and space in the first half of Spring term. We will be creating our own Ancient Greek pottery using clay, which we will then decorate using Ancient Greek themes.

Music

This term we will listen and reflect on Purcell's Rondeau from Abdelazar and Mars from Holst's Planets Suite, create graphic scores, learn to play a tune, create a 'rondo' and variations inspired by Purcell / Britten, perform as an ensemble, begin to learn simple staff notation and learn musical language appropriate to the task

English

We continue to work with a Talk for Writing approach which enables children to imitate the language they need orally, before reading and analysing it, and then writing their own version.

This half term, we are looking at the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur, and using this to write our own myths. We will also be writing persuasive speeches to perform at our own Ancient Greek ostrakon to avoid banishment! After half term, the children will be learning an Ancient Greek playscript and using this to write their own script (and perform it!). Finally, we will be writing guides on how to care for a mythological creature.

Alongside this, we will continue to teach the grammar, punctuation and spelling objectives from the Year 5 curriculum.

Spider and Tortoise Class Spring Term 2022: **Ancient Greece**



History

We will be learning about the Ancient Greeks – when and where they lived, and what their lives were like. We will be studying the birth of democracy, the reign of Alexander the Great and looking at key cultural events such as the Olympics. Children will learn about Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses too – and the impact of these on the daily life of the Ancient Greeks.

Geography

Children will use their map skills to identify the location of Greece and atlases to find key information about its Geographical features and climate.

Maths

In maths we use the 'White Rose' mastery approach to support our planning and teaching. This term, we are looking at multiplication and division, moving onto fractions, decimals and percentages. Homework will be set weekly on Sumdog and we encourage all parents to support with times tables acts, as these underpin so much of the children's learning.

Science

This half term, we will be learning about Space; learning about the planets and their features, and the movements of the moon. Next half term, we are moving onto properties of materials.

PE

In PE we follow the 'Jasmine Active' PE programme which meets all National Curriculum requirements through a range of activities and games designed to enhance children's physical skills. PE is on a Monday (Spiders)/Tuesday (Tortoises) and Thursday but we also do regular 'Mile Runs' to encourage physical exercise.

RE

In the Spring term we will be learning about Judaism. We will investigate what Jews believe about God, the covenant (God's agreement with Abraham) and the Tenakh (Jewish scriptures including the Torah).