



YEAR 4
Autumn 1 - Ancient Greeks
 This term learning focuses on starting a new school year, embedding rules and routines and investigating and exploring the Ancient Greeks.

English

Children will:

- Recap how to use adjectives and adverbs to enhance writing
- Develop character and setting descriptions
- Learn how to identify and apply the use of plural and possessive apostrophes
- To identify features of myths and create our own
- To persuade and convince someone to go and travel to Ancient Greece

Maths

Children will:

- Learn to count in 25, 100 and 1000's
- Learn about the relative size of numbers and complete number sequences within 10 000
- Compare numbers using the 'more than' 'less than' and 'equal to' symbols
- Round numbers to the nearest 1000, 100 and 10
- Use this to approximate, find the total and difference

Science

Children will:

- Focus on classification
- Look at how to classify animals and organize
- Recognise that vertebrae's can be organised into 5 categories
- Recognise that plants can be organised into 2 categories and be able to identify them

Geography/ History

Children will:

- Be studying and researching Ancient Greece
- Researching Greek democracy
- Learning about Alexander the Great and his empire
- Investigating the Olympic games and the origins
- Compare similarities and differences between the Greeks and Romans

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

Children will:

- Learn how attitudes and actions make a difference
- Reflect on roles and responsibilities of different people
- Know what democracy is
- Know how their own actions effect others
- Know that having a voice is important in a democracy

Art & Design/ Design & Technology

Children will:

- Explore and discuss Ancient Greek pottery
- Design and sketch a Greek style pot
- Make a Greek style pot using clay and tools
- Add authentic details
- Evaluate their pottery

Computing

Children will

- Use more complex search material and then narrow down their searches
- Know what plagiarism is and when they can use the work of others
- Make notes from information found online
- Use different layouts to record information such as text boxes

Physical Education (PE)

Children will:

- Develop some accuracy when striking the ball.
- Begin to explain the benefits of physical activity.
- Create their own balanced plate and know what food groups are.

Religion & World Views (RAW)

Children will:

- Recall incidents when they have been persuaded
- Analyse persuasion and devise a class definition
- Examine Jesus's use of persuasion
- Investigate how persuasion is related to Christianity

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

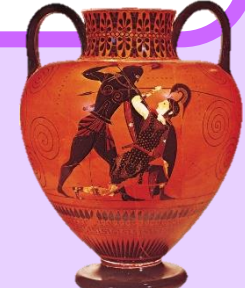
Children will:

- Identify that different languages have different structures to English
- Gain phonetical knowledge of the French alphabet
- Learn simple fruits in French

Music

Children will:

- Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression
- Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music.



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Suggested Reads

- Beasts of Olympus: Beast Keeper by Lucy Coats & David Roberts
- Greek Myths by Marcia Williams
- The Ancient Greek Mysteries by Saviour Pirotta & Freya Hartas
- Mythologica: An encyclopedia of Gods, Monsters and Mortals From Ancient Greece by Dr Steven Kershaw & Vactoria Topping
- Fleeced! By Julia Wills

Useful Websites

- Spelling and Grammar games-
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>
- Maths games-
<https://uk.splashlearn.com/maths-games-for-year-4>
- History for kids-
<https://www.historyforkids.net/>
- Hit the button-
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Suggested Experiences

- Take a trip to your local library and explore their collection of books about Ancient Greece and Mythology.
- Go to the Real Greek restaurant or buy some Greek food at the supermarket. Can you try new Greek food you've not tried before?
- Watch some Olympic sports and then do some research on how the Olympics started. Play an Olympic games for your family to do at the park.

Optional Home learning project

Using recycled materials, can you construct your own Spartan Helmet?

