

# The Ancient Greeks...Our Creative Curriculum:

We always aim to engage and inspire our children with their topics. Here , we explain what they can all look forward to

## English:

Next half term, both year 5 and 6 will be reading Greek myths to link with our history topic. We will be identifying common themes and links between characters before going on to create our own. Throughout the half term we will be using our reading skills, drama, art and of course, building upon our writing skills to create myths that even the Ancient Greeks would have enjoyed!

## Maths:

Year 5 will begin the half term by continuing to develop multiplication and division knowledge, before going on to look at converting between measures and then finishing on perimeter, area and volume.

Year 6 have an exciting half term ahead, we are going to be studying fractions, looking at the multiplication, division of these. We will then finish the half term by delving into statistics.

## Science:

Space will be Year 5's scientific area of study next half term. Throughout their lessons they will be taught to:

- ◇ Describe the movement of the Earth and other planets, relative to our Sun in the Solar System.
- ◇ Describe the movement of the moon around the Earth.
- ◇ Use their knowledge of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night.

Year 6 will learn all about the circulatory and digestive system. Over the course of the half term they will learn to:

- ◇ identify and name the main parts of the circulatory system and be able to explain their functions.
- ◇ Recognise the impact of external factors on the way their bodies function.
- ◇ Describe the way in which nutrients are transported around the body

## History:

UKS2 will study the Ancient Greeks. They will find out about life in Ancient Greece and the lasting impact the people had on history. We will begin by studying the philosophers, moving onto the democracy in the era, to the Battle of Marathon, the Gods and the Olympics.

## Art & DT:

Over the course of the half term will be designing and creating our own healthy 'Greek style' salad. We will also be tasting a variety of different Greek foods and creating our own Greek theatre masks.

## Physical Education:

Year 5 will be undertaking either netball, looking at the skills involved in team games or building on their prior gymnastics learning next half term. Year 6 will be honing their football skills as well as learning gymnastics.

## Music:

Next half term Year 5's music will link to their science as they will be learning through the context of the Solar System. This unit embarks on a musical journey through the solar system, exploring how our universe inspired composers including Debussy, Holst and George Crumb. The children learn a song, and compose pieces linked to space. Year 6 will be focusing on songs that can be sung in different combinations. The theme of challenging journeys in life resonates through this selection of songs with thoughts of change.

## French:

UKS2 will be thinking globally as Year 5 will learning about Musical instruments and styles of music around the world and Year 6 will be looking at animals, habitats and terrains around the world.

## Religious Education:

Both year 5 and 6 are going to be learning about Christianity in the run up to Christmas.



Next half term the Reward Evening will be a disco, 5:45 - 7:00 on the 20th December, these have proved incredibly popular in previous years and are always much enjoyed!

As usual, a tuck shop will be available throughout the evening with treats on sale.

We look forward to spending the Reward time with the children.



Even in the top end of the school, lost property can become a problem when children cannot identify their own clothing. It makes such a difference to have labelled clothing, as most of the time, the item is returned straight away to the correct person. Please make sure that every item of clothing is clearly labelled, including PE kits. This will help your child to look after their belongings. Again, it is important for the children in year 5 and 6 to take responsibility for their things. If your child has lost something, they will be encouraged to look for it themselves during a break or after school. We thank you for your cooperation.

# Upper Key Stage 2 Newsletter

Autumn Two 2018



## Happy Half Term!

We hope you have a lovely break and enjoy the autumnal weather.

## The Ancient Greeks

Next half term, the children in UKS2 will be learning about the Ancient Greeks. Throughout the topic, the children will learn about the rich history of this historical era, looking at everything from the philosophers and thinkers, to the Olympics and the Greek Gods.

The children will find out about their way of life and how they differ from our own. In order for your child to be engaged in the topic, they may want to conduct some research to find out more information at home. Below is a list of research and activities your child could do at home.

### The Ancient Greeks:

- ◇ Create their own sports for Olympic Games
- ◇ Design and create their own Greek pot
- ◇ Read and act out Greek myths and legends
- ◇ Write their own Greek myth



## Dates for your diary...

### November

Thursday 8th - Primary Futures Event

Friday 16th - Children in Need

Monday 19th - School Nurses in Year 6

Monday 26th - Flu Vaccinations for Year 5

### December

Wednesday 12th - KS1 Christmas Performance

Thursday 13th - LKS2 Christmas Performance

Friday 14th - Foundation Christmas Performance

Tuesday 18th - UKS2 Christmas Performance

2:15pm and 6pm

Thursday 20th - Christmas Fair 1:30pm

Thursday 20th - Rewards Evening



During subject focus week, we shall be designing and creating Greek theatre masks. These masks allowed actors to play more than one role, to exaggerate their emotions and allow people in the distant seats to see their expressions.

**We will require rather a lot of cardboard for these, if you do have any scrap or spare cardboard boxes at home, please could we ask that these are donated to school?**

Thank you for reading our Autumn Newsletter. If you have any questions or queries, please do contact your child's class teacher. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs Niemi who will be available via the school office .