

Year 3 Spring 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break. We have a fantastic term planned for spring. Below is an overview of the forthcoming term. We hope that you find it useful.

Best wishes,

Mrs Sedge (Beech) and Mrs Zalfani (Ash)

Topics:

Topic	The Ancient Greeks
Key question	What have the Greeks ever done for us?



History

In spring term we will cover the period of The Ancient Greeks. We will be examining the effect of Ancient Greek culture on our society today by studying the birth of democracy and the Olympics amongst other key aspects. Our Portals to the Past workshop on the 10th January will support us in our learning in our Ancient Greeks topic.

Geography

Our geography lessons this term will be closely linked to our history topic of The Ancient Greeks. We will develop our map skills further as well as looking at the expansion of the Greek Empire.

Literacy: In Literacy, we will cover many genres that will link to our history topic of the Ancient Greeks. We will begin the term by looking at Greek epic poetry and making comparisons to modern day poetry. Then we move onto looking at Athens v Sparta and discussion texts, ending the first half of the term studying plays. After the half term, we will debate whether the Elgin Marbles should be returned to Greece or stay in England. Our next genre is linked to our core text, Mark of the Cyclops (by Saviour Pirotta), we will be looking at mystery stories and Greek myths. We will end the term by writing an information text about the Greeks.

Maths: This term we will cover many different topics in addition to consolidating prior learning from the autumn term, continuing to use the White Rose Maths scheme to support our learning. In the first half term, we will explore multiplication and division and fractions. In the second half term, we will explore measurement and statistics.

Science: Our Science work this first half term will cover the topic of light. In our Science lessons, we will investigate how light is reflected and how shadows are formed. After half term, we will then look at friction and forces.

PE: Mr Russell, our PE teacher, will be working with Year 3 for PE this year and will be teaching a range of skills. Sessions will take place on a variety of days so please make sure PE kits are in school every day. In addition to this, Ash class will begin their swimming sessions at Harris Academy Ockendon from January on Wednesdays. Children will need a suitable swimming costume, towel and swimming hat for these sessions. We will be walking to and from Harris Academy Ockendon in all weathers so please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate outerwear.

Art/DT: Our Art and DT this term will link to our history topic. We will create work inspired by the Greeks, for example Greek vases and masks. In DT we will be designing our own labyrinths and later on in the term we will build our own version of Mount Olympus.

RE: In the first half term we will focus on Christianity and what Christians believe about Jesus and the Bible. In addition, we will also consider what different people believe about God. In the second half term we will learn about Hinduism and what Hindus believe.

Computing: In our computing lessons we will research the different roles involved when making a television programme.

Music: In Music we will explore how sounds are made and organised to create rhythms and melodies.

PSHE: In PSHE we will learn how to stay physically and mentally healthy. Later in the term, we will focus on identifying the rights and responsibilities of members of the community.

French: In French we will continue to develop our knowledge of the French language. We will be learning vocabulary so that we can talk about our appearance and personality. We will also learn French vocabulary about animals.

Home expectations: Homework will continue to be set on My Maths each Friday. Spellings will be given out on a Friday and children will be tested on those words on the following Friday. Please also continue to encourage the children to read at home, and to log in to Bug Club and TT Rockstars. Please remember that it is important to continue children's learning at home to consolidate learning and understanding.

CREATIVE PROJECTS

Last year, we had some fantastic creative projects and we encourage the classes to do better this term!!! There are some ideas to choose from listed below. If you have any other ideas it would be great to see them! Don't forget to bring the work into school to display in class.

The Ancient Greeks	Light/ Friction and Forces
Make your own mask. Make your own Greek vase. Make your own Greek helmet or shield. Build your own Parthenon. Research and read some classic Greek myths.	Create your own experiment to investigate light. Test the effects of gravity and record your findings. Create your own experiment to investigate friction. Make a leaflet about light.