



## Willow Class Term 5 Newsletter 'Ancient Greece'



Dear Parents,

I hope you had a fabulous Easter break and are feeling refreshed and ready for another term. Our topic for the next two terms is 'Ancient Greece'. We will be reading 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief' by Rick Riordan, and writing our own myths based on a selection of Greek myths and legends. Our topic sessions will teach us all about how the Greeks lived, what they ate and how similar/different they were to us today.

In maths, we are learning about shape, money and revisiting fractions. Fractions can be an area that children find particularly difficult so any extra support at home, and with their My Maths homework, would really benefit them.

Our PE day is **Thursday**; please ensure your child's kit is always in school; trainers everyday are essential. Swimming is on **Wednesdays 24<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May**.

### Helping to enrich our topics

It is always great to have items or visitors that support our topic, so if anyone has any experience or items that may help us with any of the work above that we could hear about or borrow, we would love to see and hear about them.

**Reminders** – Please make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat for any wet weather.

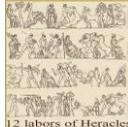
<b>Reading</b>	Please read with your child regularly. You may like to add a positive or helpful comment in their reading diary, but please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by signing and dating in the comments space. A member of staff will be checking reading records during the week and children are expected to have read at least 3 times a week with an adult. Adults at school will not write in the books as we have our own records.
<b>Spellings</b>	Spelling tests are every <b>Friday</b> when homework books are expected in. This term's spellings are focused on the Year 3&4 common exception words list. Additional spelling patterns are also taught in our weekly SPAG sessions with a focus on the apostrophes and the 'ou' spelling pattern.
<b>Maths</b>	Maths homework will be on MyMaths and should consist of <b>30 minutes a week</b> . We will also be continuing with Times Table Rock-stars to help support your child's recall of the tables. . If you do not have access to the internet at home, please let me know and we can arrange a time for your child to complete it at school. If your child has misplaced their login details, let a member of staff know and we can give you a copy.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Miss Axell and Mr Mackarness



# 'Ancient Greece' Learning Map

<p><b>Literacy</b></p> 	<p>'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief'</p> 	<p>Greek Mythology. 'Icarus'</p> 	<p>Rewriting the story</p> 	<p>Greek Mythology. 'The 12 labours of Hercules.'</p> 
<p><b>Spelling and grammar</b></p> 	<p><b>Spelling patterns:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 3 and 4 common exception words</li> <li>• Words that have 'y' not at the end e.g 'myth'</li> <li>• Adding suffixes with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable e.g. forgetting</li> </ul>		<p><b>Grammar:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speech</li> <li>• Fronted Adverbials</li> <li>• Plural and possessive 's'</li> <li>• Paragraphs</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Maths</b></p> 	<p><b>Shape</b></p> 	<p><b>Money</b></p> 	<p><b>Fractions</b></p> 	
<p><b>P.E.</b></p> 	<p><b>Athletics</b></p> 			
<p><b>Art</b></p> 	<p><b>Realistic Sketching</b></p> 	<p><b>Collage</b></p> 	<p><b>Collage</b></p> 	
<p><b>History</b></p> 	<p><b>The History of Ancient Greece</b></p> 			
<p><b>PSHE</b></p> 	<p><b>Democracy</b></p> 	<p><b>Unanswerable questions</b></p> 		

<p>Science</p> 	<p>Animals including humans</p> 	
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>Spreadsheets</p> 	<p>E-Safety</p> 
<p>R.E.</p> 	<p>How did Jesus change lives? What impact does he have on the lives of Christians today?</p> 	
<p>Music</p> 	<p>Charanga: Blackbird</p> 	

**Useful Websites:**

- <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/z87tn39>
- <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/greece/10-facts-about-the-ancient-greeks/>
- <https://www.bbc.com/teach/class-clips-video/teeth/zr8yqwx>
- [https://www.ducksters.com/science/digestive\\_system.php](https://www.ducksters.com/science/digestive_system.php)
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/fractions-and-decimals>

**Vocabulary we will learn this term:**

ancient	democracy	myths	century
AD / BC	chronological	Hercules	Icarus
Daedalus	civilisation	sources	empire
canines	molars	incisors	digestion
stomach	intestines	function	oesophagus

**Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term:**

- Which Gods and Goddesses did the Ancient Greeks believe in?
- Why do we use paragraphs?
- How many teeth does the average grown adult have?
- When did the Ancient Greeks live?
- How do you calculate the perimeter of a shape?