



Year 3 Curriculum Slice Summer 2017

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Gruesome Greeks

Welcome back. We hope you have had a great holiday.

As in the previous terms, the information in this leaflet, will tell you of ways in which you can continue to help your child. It will also inform you about what we will teach your child this term.

Please make sure that homework diaries come into school every day so that we can use them to communicate with you, if and when the need arises. The diaries will be signed each week by the class teacher and an adult at home. Please try to read with your child on a regular basis. We encourage your child to read at least three times each week for 5 -10 minutes. As discussed with many of you at parents evening, the development of your child's independence in reading is now key. While we still encourage the sharing of a book regularly and at times listening to your child read, we would also encourage the children to read independently to themselves. The most valuable time you could spend with your child is to use the questions sheets provided at parents evening, to question and instigate discussion about what they have read, giving your child an opportunity explore the text more deeply and to demonstrate their understanding of what they read.



Homework will continue to be set on a Friday and needs to be completed and returned to school by the following Tuesday. It is perfectly acceptable for you to help your child. Your support is priceless for their development. At times we will send a project for homework which will last several weeks. On these occasions we will not send additional homework, except for the weekly spellings.

We will continue to use the 'My Maths' website for some homework. The activities can be used by the children all the time. There are lots of tasks which support the learning the children do in school. Please encourage the children to use this wonderful resource.

The children continue to be expected to learn their times tables. By now they should know their 3, 4 and 8 x tables and should continue to practise their fluency in their knowledge of these as well as the corresponding knowledge linked to mental division skills. These will continue to be consolidated within school this term too. These are a vital skill which the children need in order to progress across the Maths curriculum. They will be tested on their x tables regularly and given a target.

The weekly spellings will continue to be sent home. These are words with spelling patterns and rules Year 3 children are expected to know how to spell and apply in their everyday writing. These words

will be taught in school. The sheets we send home reinforce what we are learning in the classroom. The children practise their spellings in handwriting and use a cursive style. This helps the children to increase the speed and fluency of their writing. All children should now be fluently joining their handwriting at all times. We are looking for consistent size and shaped letters that sit on the line, with ascenders and descenders correctly positioned too

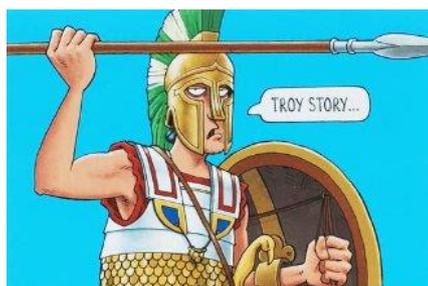


Each class has 2 PE lessons each week. All children are expected to participate. Letters or a note in their homework diary is required if, for any reason your child cannot take part. Children need a full P.E. kit, including pumps. Because PE lessons take place outside, the children are allowed to wear jogging bottoms or leggings as well as their school jumpers.

Children cannot wear earrings during PE. Teaching staff are not allowed to remove them for a child. Please remove your child's earrings on the morning of PE if they are unable to themselves. Also long hair must be tied back

We deliver a creative curriculum, where we teach all the elements of the foundation subjects through our topic theme. This gives the children greater purpose and additional inspiration for their learning. We will also make cross curricular links with our topic to Maths and English.

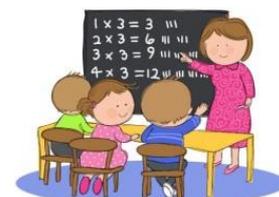
Our topic this term is 'Gruesome Greeks.'



During the topic the children will learn about life in the time of the Ancient Greeks, including the things they would eat, wear and do as a job. In addition we will look at the Greek Gods and focus on the famous Greek Myths, eventually writing our own. Hopefully if we have some lovely weather, we will be able to look at the history of the Olympics and have our own mini Olympic Games.

In English the children will continue to develop their skills in writing looking at narrative, poetry and non - fiction styles including persuasive writing, instructions and explanations. Our focus text will be the Greek Myths.

In maths, we will continue to develop the 3 key strands Fluency, Reasoning and Problem Solving. The children practise daily to develop quick responses to simple mental calculations such as number bonds, number families, doubles and halves as well as times tables. Our focus units this term are: Fractions, Geometry: properties of shapes, Measurements and Statistics. We will also consolidate previous work and increase the expectations with continuous challenges.



In Music the children will continue music lessons with our music specialist, Mrs Brown. As well learning the recorder, they will continue developing their music theory skills including understanding music notes and their values, rhythm and keeping to a beat.

Madame Sharpe will continue the excellent work she has already done with the children learning French.

There will be an opportunity for parents to come in and join the children with their learning this term. We hope to see as many of you as can join us. Separate letters will be sent out detailing these events.

We had a fantastic Spring Term. The children continue to amaze us with their positive attitudes, enthusiasm and success. We hope we can end the year on a great high!

If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher - we are approachable and willing to listen.