

Gorseybrigg Primary School and Nursery

Curriculum Matters



Term	Spring 1 - 2017
Year Group	4
Teacher	Mrs H Bradbury

Topic

The Greeks

We will answer the following questions about the Ancient Greeks

- Where and when in history did they live?
- What were some of their religious beliefs?
- What was life like for an Ancient Greek?
- Who ruled in Ancient Greece and what was Greek Democracy?
- What was a city state and which was the most powerful?
- What have the Ancient Greeks done for our modern civilization today?

In art we will be

- Drawing Greek pots to show the stories of Ancient Greek mythology
- Making Ancient Greek masks / pots.

English

We will be looking at a variety of Ancient Greek Stories from Greek Mythology:

Perseus the gorgon slayer , Theseus and the Minotaur , Icarus
The Trojan Horse

<http://www.chiddingstone.kent.sch.uk/homework/greece.html>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/ancient_greeks/

<http://storynory.com/category/educational-and-entertaining-stories/greek-myths/>

We will continue to focus upon techniques to support our writing:

- improving vocabulary and spelling using a dictionary and a thesaurus
 - improving handwriting
- using commas and brackets more effectively in sentences
- organising writing into clear well structured paragraphs

Mathematics

Our weekly Mathematics lessons will include

- fractions and decimals
- problem solving using written methods for calculation
- using mental division facts
- a written method for division

- The following websites can aid your child's learning

http://www.bgfl.org/custom/resources_ftp/client_ftp/ks2/maths/fractions/support.htm

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html>

<http://uk.ixl.com>

ICT

We will use the internet to help with our Ancient Greek learning. Some useful websites are

<http://myths.e2bn.org/mythsandlegends/> for Greek myths and

http://www.ancientgreece.co.uk/dailylife/explore/exp_set.html for Greek pottery designs.

We will also explore Microsoft word as a word processing package using Word to type out a Greek Myth.

RE

We will be looking at how religious beliefs have been portrayed through artwork throughout history, with a focus upon Christianity.

SCIENCE

Our Science topic is sound.

We will learn about making sounds using musical instruments and the importance of vibrations when making a sound. We will look at pictures of the human ear so that we can say what helps us to hear sound waves. We will also discuss different methods of sound proofing and how these are used in real life situations. In an investigation we will use data loggers to help us find out which material is the best at sound proofing.

Helping at Home

A huge thank you for all that you are doing with your children already at home.

Listen to your child read whenever possible and take an interest in the book by asking questions about the text. Make sure your child understands what is being read.

Practice number skills whenever possible.

- Count beyond 1000 to 10 000 in 1's 10's and 100's
- Count back beyond 0 into negative numbers
- Addition and subtraction of 3 and 4 digit numbers
- Money problems within context eg when shopping or adding up a bill
- Telling the time in both digital and analogue

Many thanks H Bradbury