

Courtney Primary Topic Sheet – Ancient Greece
Year 5 Term 1 2018-19 Teacher: Mrs Elmore

English

This term our English work will focus around Greek myths such as Pandora's box and the adventures of Odysseus. Throughout the year, there will be a large emphasis placed on punctuation and grammar, and, to start the year off, your child will be focusing on basic sentence structure and parts of speech (nouns, adjectives etc). Furthermore, they will be developing some key writing skills, which they can use to improve the descriptive qualities of their writing. The main outcomes of our writing will be based around the use of vocabulary and how, as a writer, we can enhance imagery by using figurative language: similes, metaphors and personification.

Maths

Initially, Year 5 will be focusing on numbers and calculation. Your child will be developing their understanding of place value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) whilst consolidating their use of written methods to calculate. We will also begin to apply our understanding to multi-step problems and questions involving statistics.

As always there is a whole school focus on developing our children's reasoning and problem solving skills.

Science

Our first topic in science is 'Changing States and Properties of Materials'. The children will be learning to identify, group and compare materials based on their properties, which will they investigate through a number of experiments.

We will then move on to looking at materials in different states and how we may be able to separate them through filtering, sieving and evaporating. This will allow us to finish with a look at irreversible changes and how we can identify them.

Art/DT

Our art and DT for the term will be informed by our work on Ancient Greece. We will be studying artefacts and taking inspiration to design vases with Greek patterns and mythical creatures.

In addition, we will be looking at Greek temples and using these to create our own temple structures.

Topic

As you know our topic question often covers a variety of subjects. As well as the historical element of Ancient Greece, we will also be looking into the geography of both modern and Ancient Greece.

The Olympics will also be a focus for us, as we explore both the origins of this event and how it has changed over the years.

History

The main focus for our learning this term is Ancient Greek life and comparing it to modern day life. This will include looking at famous Greek battles, democratic systems and also the huge differences between city states Athens and Sparta. We will also be thinking about chronology and where the Ancient Greeks fit on the British and world history time line.

Computing

In computing this term we will be focusing on e-safety, which is particularly important in KS2. We are also hoping for a visit from the local PCSO to help support the children.

RE

In RE our key question is 'Why do some people think God exists?' We will be taking an investigative approach to this and hope to find the answer to some of our questions through interviews and research.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be following a scheme of work called "Jigsaw" which focuses on 6 key themes. This term we will be thinking about "Being me in my world"

Our Courtney Crown Value this term is "We are resilient and proud of our efforts. This is a really important opportunity for us

PE

As a school we follow the "Real PE" scheme of work which focuses on building up core skills and applying them in games. On Wednesdays the children will have a PE session with Mr Smith, our sports coach. I will also be taking the children for an additional session in the week.

If your child has long hair please make sure it is tied up on these days, and that they can take out their earrings. All children should have suitable PE kit kept at school.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5! This topic sheet is to give you an idea of what your child is doing at school this term, and how you can help support their learning at home. I'm really looking forward to this year – there's lots of exciting things happening and I can already tell what a fantastic class they are.

To support your child please encourage your child to:

- read every day and remember to bring their reading book and reading diary to school every day – it would be fab to start getting as many reading certificates as possible.
- learn their multiplication tables as part of our Multiplication Masters programme.
- take opportunities to try out their maths and English as much as possible – telling the time, writing letters etc
- do their homework and hand it in on time! Homework will be given every Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday at the very latest.

It would help the children enormously if there are any parents or grandparents who are able to lend a hand in class – the children always absolutely love it when we have helpers in. If you could spare even 30 minutes at the start or end of the school day, or any other time, then please do get in touch – it would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions about what we will be learning then just let me know. Here's to a great start to the year 😊
Best wishes,

Mrs Elmore