

Class 2: Years 2 and 3 - Autumn 1 2017 Newsletter - 'It's All Greek to Me!'

Dear Parents

Welcome back after the summer holidays! We hope you all had a great time and that the children are coming back to school rested and ready to learn.

Our topic this half term is 'It's All Greek to Me!' which is all about Ancient Greece. We will be finding out where Greece is on the map and what parts made up Ancient Greece. We will explore the different ways we can find out about the past. We will be learning about the myths and legends of Ancient Greece, about characters such as Medusa, who could turn people into stone and King Midas who turned everything he touched into gold. We will also learn some of the stories of the Gods that the Ancient Greeks used to help them understand the world around them.



In English, we will be describing all these characters using a range of exciting adjectives and will be writing about their stories and about the adventures of Greek heroes such as Hercules. We will also be developing our speaking and listening skills by taking turns at storytelling and taking part in debates on a number of related topics.

In Maths we will be reading and writing numbers to 100 in numerals and words. We will be recognising the place value of each digit in a 2-digit number (tens, ones) before learning to represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations, including the number line. We will compare and order numbers to 100 and use place value and number facts to solve problems. Later in the term we will be adding and subtracting numbers to 20 and beyond, and practising our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

In Art we will be making masks and models as well as designing our own Greek pots. We will also be designing and making our own mythical creature. In PSHE we will be looking at rules and responsibilities; at the choices we make and their consequences.

In Science the children will be experimenting with floating and sinking, and how this is affected by the material an object is made from, its shape or the amount of air in it. We will also be looking at displacement, when objects are dropped in the water. We will then learn about forces in greater depth, comparing how objects move on different surfaces. We will look at how some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can work at a distance.

Homework will be given out on a Wednesday, to be handed back in on a Monday morning. Our P.E. days are Wednesday and Friday. Please make sure that all uniform and P.E. kits are named and that your child has a water bottle in school, which will come home for washing each Friday.