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Year Three Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is an overview of what will be happening in Year three this half term.

Curriculum

Our half term topic is 'Gods and Mortals' and the main focus of this will be Ancient Greece.

Memorable Experience: On Monday 12th March we will be having an Ancient Greek day. We will welcome an 'Ancient Greek soldier' who will show the children a selection of Ancient Greek weapons, tell a variety of myths and explain how democracy & gender roles impacted upon life in Ancient Greece.

English: Over the half term our writing will focus on the genres of recounts and procedures. Included in this we will be looking at a selection of Greek Myths such as Theseus & the Minotaur and Icarus & Daedalus.

Maths: We will be covering many maths topics including:

- Using rulers to draw and measure lines to the nearest centimetre/millimetre.
- Column addition/subtraction e.g.
$$\begin{array}{r} 412 \\ + 125 \\ \hline 537 \end{array}$$
- Interpret and present data in tally charts, bar charts and pictograms.
- Measuring and calculating the perimeters of 2d shapes.

Science: Children will continue exploring the topic of light, including recognising that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes. They will also look at how shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object and find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.

Topic: Ancient Greece.

The children will begin to show a developing understanding of chronology, by beginning to realise that the past can be divided into different periods of time. As well as explain how a significant figure of that period influenced change. The children will also draw sketch maps and plans using agreed symbols for a key.

Computing: Children will use the laptops, as well as other source materials, to research the life of the everyday Ancient Greeks.

Music: To learn and perform a variety of songs linked to the story of 'The Trojan War'.

Art & Design: Based on the story of The Trojan War, the children will using a variety of modelling/sculpting materials and tools to create a papier mache Trojan horse.

P.E: Children will be developing flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance during gymnastics lessons throughout the half term. They will learn various floor routines and how to use the vault.

Homework

- To practise the 3,4 & 8 times tables
- To read each night and fill in the Home/school contact book. This should be returned every day with a signature and/or comment to show that your child has read at home.
- To practise weekly spellings
- Your child will also receive a piece of English and Maths homework each Friday which must be completed and returned the following Tuesday.

Reading

To support your child's understanding of this topic we would encourage them to read a range of Ancient Greek myths. These can be found on many sites online, the BBC has an excellent list of audio stories to support this.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/history/ancient_greek_myths/myth/persephone

Kind regards,

Ms Shiels, Mrs Quinlan, Miss D'caccia & Miss Mason.