



Monkton CEP School



Ladybird Class

Newsletter

Term 3- Gods and Mortals

'Every child is special'

English

Our new topic, *Gods and Mortals*, focuses on the *Ancient Greeks*. Week 2 sees the launch of our new topic, beginning with an *Ancient Greek* day on Monday 13th January. We will be writing character profiles of *Greek Gods*, then exploring *Greek myths and legends*, writing diaries as *Icarus* and *Daedalus*. Using instructional writing we will instructions of how to build a *Trojan horse* and rescue *Helen of Troy*. In *myths and legends*, we will learn about *Theseus*, the *Minotaur* and the *Labyrinth*, writing our own *myths*. Our final week is the *innovation week* where the children will find a *mysterious padlocked box*, perhaps this is *Pandora's box*? We shall see. For your information, I have also provided a *higher-level writing task* for our topic homework which asks the children to write a story which has 3 chapters. This is designed to provide a challenge to children who are already *higher-level writers* or who wish to challenge themselves further.

Science

In Term 3 we will be developing our knowledge of *Animals* including humans further, learning about *nutrition*, the purposes and structures of *skeletons* and how *muscles* help us to move. In the final week we will investigate- *Why did Icarus fall from the sky?* Building wings, then testing them under a variety of *environmental conditions*.

Maths

The need to continue to improve our *times table knowledge* continues, both in class and for home learning. I have, however, given an option to those who are already totally secure in their *times table knowledge*, an *alternative calculation practice booklet* for home. In lessons we will continue to develop our understanding and skills in *multiplication and division*. Then begin to explore *calculation of area* and begin to work on *fractions* in the final week of term, which will continue into Term 4.

General

Welcome back to the start of Term 3, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and wish you all a very happy New Year. Our topic for this term is *Gods and Mortals*. We will be finding out about *Ancient Greek myths and legends; Greek Gods and Goddesses; how Ancient Greeks lived compared to nowadays, the Greek language and what Greece is like today*. Our first week is *Geography week* in school and *Class 3* will be finding out about the country of *Brazil*.

ICT

Following a recap on how we stay safe when online both at home and at school, our new unit is '*We are presenters*'. We will learn how to film ourselves, then use technology to edit and improve our recordings.

RE

In RE we will focus our learning on the *Gospel*, exploring the big question, what kind of world did Jesus want?

PE

The children will work with *Team Theme* on a Tuesday afternoon developing their *gymnastic and dance skills*, continuing on into club after school.

Foundation subjects

History- The Ancient Greek, who they were, how they lived and where forms the focus of our new unit, Gods and Mortals.

Geography- Week 1 is Geography week where Class 3 will be learning about Brazil- where in the world, exploring both physical and human aspects of the country. We will then investigate Greece, comparing ancient and modern-day maps, comparing human and physical aspects of the country.

Art- Art of the Brazilian Rainforest/ Carnivals. Using clay to sculpt Gods and Goddesses. Greek pottery and how they portray myths and legends.

Design Technology- Design a new set of wings for Icarus

French - Exploring the language and culture of Brazil- Portuguese greetings. French- On fait la fete- celebrations

Music - beginning to learn the songs for our production in Term 4

Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their learning that they might be unfamiliar with that you might like to help them understand:

<u>Science</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>English</u>
Nutrients	labyrinth	multiplication	myth
Nutrition	minotaur	division	legend
Fibre	mortal	inverse	profile
Minerals	divine	remainder	imperative
Fats	hydria	fraction	clause- main and subordinate

Websites

Topic- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39/articles/zckr4wx>

Science- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9339j6>

English- <https://greekgodsandgoddesses.net/myths/>

Maths- <https://ttrockstars.com/> - Times Table Rock Stars

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/7/multiplication-and-division>

Special days/ Come join us

PE is still on a Tuesday PM; HW- new spellings and times tables will be handed out each Monday, then tested on the following week on a Monday.

Dates for diaries:

- Week 1- launch of spelling Bee for years 2-6, letters home
- Friday 10th January- Geography week shared celebration- come and join us in the hall at 2:45 to find out what each class learned and did during Geography week
- Monday 13th January- Ancient Greek Day for Class 3 only- why not come dressed as an Ancient Greek for the day?
- Monday 13th January- Bach to the Future- Music in the hall- 9-10
- Friday 17th January- interim reports home to parents
- Friday 24th January- Spelling Bee year group heats in class to find year group winner
- Friday 7th February- Spelling Bee final in the hall to find the overall school champion
- Fri 7th February- Class 3 Forest school
- Tuesday 11th February- Safer Internet Day- Together for a Better Internet
- Wednesday 12th February- Parents welcome to visit class from 2:40 to share in this term's topic work
- Friday 14th February- Class 3 Forest school and end of Term 3