



During this term, our topic theme is:
Who were the ancient Greeks?
Below are the areas that we are covering this half term:



Curriculum Area	Areas to be taught in school	Possible activities to be done at home
English	This half term, we will be reading a fantastic, fun, fictional story called 'Bill's New Frock', from one of best-loved authors, Anne Fine. Bill Simpson wakes up to find out he is a girl! And worse, his mother makes him wear a frilly dress to school. How on earth is he going to survive a whole day like this? Everything just seems to be different for girls!	Encourage your child to read for pleasure at home and to share what they have read with the class. They may also like to visit the library to read other books along similar themes or by other new children's authors.
Maths	In maths this half term, children will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 times tables • Develop their understanding of the multiplication of bigger numbers, using formal written methods, as well as learning a written method for dividing bigger numbers • Place value • Fractions • Use their knowledge of shape to create models of 3D shapes. • Measure; Length, Mass and Volume. 	By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know all of the times tables and related division facts. The sooner the children know these, the easier and more enjoyable maths will become. In Year 3 we focus on 3, 4, and 8 but if your child learns them all then it will be of great benefit to them. They can access TT Rockstars at home on their tablets, computers or phones. 
History 'Who were the ancient Greeks?'	The children will be learning about history of ancients Greece and the impact it has had on life today. The children will learn the answer to the following questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who were the ancient Greeks? 2. What is democracy? 3. How have the Olympic Games changed? 4. Wat happened during the Battle of Marathon? 5. Why are Greek Gods and Goddesses important? 6. What happened during the Trojan War? 	Children could use their skills from their last Computing unit to conduct effective research on the key questions that they will be learning about. They could use the Key Stage 2 – Ancient Greeks unit on BBC Bitesize to help them.
Physical Education	This half term the children will focus on the skills required to play tennis. The children will need to think carefully about the hand-eye coordination and the techniques and skills required for playing successfully. Please ensure your child comes to school on their PE day wearing the appropriate PE kit: This should be black shorts and a plain white T-shirt. Appropriate footwear is also required. Earrings should be avoided on this day or plasters sent to cover them.	Year 3 love Yoga! Why not try some of the routines we use at school (or have great fun discovering new ones!) https://cosmickids.com/
Art - Sculpture	During this half term, we will be delivering a brand new set of lessons where the children will be learning all about sculpture. This topic will be inspired by Ben Nicholson and provides an accessible and flexible way to help children understand how the colour of a shape can change its visual weight and how the size of a shape can change the feel of the composition.	Do you have any platercine, modelling clay or Play Doh at home to model with? If not – you could make some using items you may already have in your cupboard: https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/playdough-recipe

<p>Science (Physics) Forces</p>	<p>In Science (Physics), we will be learning about Forces. We will be finding out the answers to the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are forces? 2. Which surface will the car move the fastest on? What are the effects of friction on a moving object? 3. Which objects are magnetic? 4. How strong are magnets? 5. How do magnetic pulls work? 6. Who was Magnes? 	<p>Children could experiment in their home to find objects that are magnetic. They could use a fridge magnet to help them. They could repeat our class experiment, testing a toy car on different surfaces around their home, or repeat using a different variable.</p>
<p>Religious Education</p>	<p>The children will be learning about what Christians believe about Jesus. They will look at symbols that Christians believe represents Jesus and also find out what Christians believe about God.</p>	<p>Encourage your children to be curious about and aware of religions within the community around them and be respectful of their beliefs.</p>
<p>Computing</p>	<p>This unit of Computing will teach new presentation skills and build on skills previously learnt too. Children will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a simple presentation • Create hyperlinks to new slides • Use slide transitions • Insert audio and video files • Use animations • Evaluate their creations. <p>These skills will be used for the children to design and create a branching fairy tale story.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to practise their presentation skills on Microsoft PowerPoint. Can they design a presentation all about themselves and their family?</p>
<p>French</p>	<p>Children will build on their learning from last half term and continue to follow French instructions. The children will be learning how to name some French foods and say which they like or dislike. The children will learn how to use basic descriptions such as colour and size to describe foods. The children will do this using a range of methods including: songs, games and engaging in conversations.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to have conversations in French embedding their knowledge from last half term, as well as practising new vocabulary learnt.</p>
<p>Music</p>	<p>The children will be continuing to learn how to play the ukulele this half term where they will also learn songs accompanied by singing. Our music lessons in class will focus on playing tuned instruments in time to music and improvising their own tunes.</p>	<p>Children could research their favourite genre of music. They could listen to a range of different types and see what they prefer. They may discover something new!</p>
<p>Relationships Education</p>	<p>The children will learn about their health and wellbeing. They will consider the following questions: What healthy swaps could we make? Why do people filter real life? How does that rule apply to me? How do I stay safe near roads? How have things changed since Year 2?</p>	<p>Talk to your children about ways that their life had changed during the pandemic. What advice would they give to someone who might go through a pandemic again with no school?</p>



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What is the Geography of the United Kingdom?
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Maths	In maths this half term, children will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 times tables • Develop their understanding of the multiplication of bigger numbers, using formal written methods, as well as learning a written method for dividing bigger numbers • Place value and estimating • Adding and Subtracting Fractions with the same denominator • Measure; Length, Mass and Volume. • Recognising Angles 	By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know all of the times tables and related division facts. The sooner the children know these, the easier and more enjoyable maths will become. In Year 3 we focus on 3, 4, and 8 but if your child learns them all then it will be of great benefit to them. They can access TT Rockstars at home on their tablets, computers or phones. 
Topic: 'What is the Geography of the United Kingdom?'	The children will be learning about the Geography of the UK, including learning the names and locations of counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics. We will also be able to name and locate the rivers and seas of the UK and be able to explain how the UK has changed over an extended period of time.	Children could use their skills from their last Computing unit to conduct effective research and produce a PowerPoint presentation to share this information with the rest of the class.
Physical Education	In PE this half term we will be completing a Dance unit of work each Tuesday afternoon as well as having a Yoga session every Wednesday morning. Please ensure your child comes to school on both their PE days wearing the appropriate PE kit: This should be black shorts and a plain white T-shirt. Appropriate footwear is also required. Earrings should be avoided on this day or plasters sent to cover them.	Year 3 love Yoga! Why not try some of the routines we have been taught and used at school (or have great fun discovering new ones!) https://cosmickids.com/
DT - Food	This half term, in connection with our previous Ancient Greece topic, the children will be designing and making a Greek salad. We will be reinforcing previous Science learning about the different food groups and the nutritional value of the food we eat.	Encourage your child to discuss the food they eat. Which food groups are they eating?
Science (Physics)	In Science (Physics), we will be learning about Light. We will be finding out the answers to the following questions: 1. Why is light so important?	Children could experiment in their home to find different light sources. They could group these into natural and artificial light sources. Remember some of them are tricky! The children could

Light	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Let's investigate- which surface is the best reflector of light? 3. How do shadows behave? 4. Why are mirrors marvellous? 5. Why can the sun be dangerous? 6. Who was Percy Shaw? 	make their own shadow puppets and explore different shadow sizes.
Religious Education	The children will be learning about the Christian festival of Easter including the importance of Palm Sunday and the Easter story.	Encourage your child to think out about the real meaning of Easter.
Computing	<p>In computing this half term, we will be developing our word processing skills using Microsoft Word. The skills learnt will be life-long skills that children can use into their adult life, with the ever-changing world of technology. This will include refining basic computer literacy skills and learning new sophisticated skills to apply to their final outcomes. They will learn the following skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the undo and redo tool • Making text bold, italic or underlined • Changing the case of the text and aligning text • Cut, copying and pasting and inserting images and adding screenshots • Using <ctrl> shortcuts • Using a secure password 	<p>These skills are extremely important so it would be great if your child has access to Microsoft Word/Office Online and could practise these skills at home. There are many online guides to support your children with computer literacy.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zvnrq6f</p>
French	Children will build on their learning from last half term and continue to follow French instructions. The children will be learning how to name some French foods and say which they like or dislike. The children will learn how to use basic descriptions such as colour and size to describe foods. The children do it with a range of methods including songs, games and engaging in conversations.	Encourage your child to have conversations in French embedding their knowledge from last half term, as well as practising new vocabulary learnt.
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Relationships Education	<p>This half term children will continue work linked to health and wellbeing. They will consider the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I deal with peer pressure? • How do I deal with risk, danger and hazards? • How can I take care of my body? • How do I make good choices under pressure? • How do I keep my body healthy? 	Talk to your child about healthy choices and how this could impact on their wellbeing. Can they talk to you about what they have learnt in school on how they will use this learning to keep themselves healthy and happy?