



Monkton CEP School

Ladybird Class

Newsletter

Term 3- Gods and Mortals

In God's eyes, Everyone is special.



English

Our new topic, *Gods and Mortals*, focuses on the *Ancient Greeks*. Week 1 sees the launch of our new topic, beginning with an *Ancient Greek* day on Friday 7th 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.

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. During our first week we will focus on some core skills in *history and geography*.

ICT

Following a recap on how we stay safe when online both at home and at school, our new unit is *Desktop publishing*. Learners will become familiar with the terms 'text' and 'images' and understand that they can be used to communicate messages. They will use desktop publishing software and consider careful choices of font size, colour and type to edit and improve premade documents. They will be making their own template for a magazine front cover.

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 addition, we will investigate- Why did *Icarus* fall from the sky? Building wings, then testing them under a variety of environmental conditions.

RE

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

Maths

The need to continue to improve our times table knowledge continues, both in class and for home learning. In lessons we will continue to develop our understanding and skills in multiplication and division, learning more formal written methods such as short multiplication and division. We will begin to explore calculation of area and begin to work on fractions in the final week of term, which will continue into *Term 4*.

PE

The children will work with *Team Theme* on a *Wednesday* afternoon developing their *gymnastics* skills, with *dodgeball* as the after school club.

Foundation subjects

History- Chronology- what is it? Where does Ancient Greece fit into world history. The Ancient Greeks, who they were, how they lived and where forms the focus of our new unit, Gods and Mortals.

Geography- Week 1 will focus on developing geographical skills, including maps. We will then investigate Greece, comparing ancient and modern-day maps, comparing human and physical aspects of the country.

Art- Sketching Greek Gods and Goddesses. Greek pottery and how they portray myths and legends.

Design Technology- Design a new set of wings for Icarus

French -French- Year 3. On fait la fete (celebrations) Year 4- L'argent de poche (pocket money)

Music - continuing Ukuleles

PSHE- Too much Selfie isn't Healthy!

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 Wednesday 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:

- Thursday 6th January- Birdwise East Kent- visitors in school
- Friday 7th January- Ancient Greek Day for Class 3 only- why not come dressed as an Ancient Greek for the day?
- Friday 14th January- interim reports home to parents
- Friday 11th February- end of Term 3
- Monday 21st February- start of Term 4