



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term (2) 2026: Mrs Critchley



Dear parents,

Welcome back after the May half term. I hope you enjoyed the sunny break and that your children are ready to start the final part of the summer term. Our new topic for this half term is called 'What have the Ancient Greeks done for us?' We will focus on the impact of the Ancient Greek society on our lives today and also read a variety of exciting myths.

Religious Education - Come and See:

1. **Reconciliation:** Freedom and Responsibility

In this unit we will know and understand the following:

- Freedom involves responsibility – **Explore**
- God's rules for living freely and responsibly – the Commandments – **Reveal**
- Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the – **Respond**

2. **Universal Church: Stewardship:** In this unit we will explore how we can care for the earth. In the reveal section, we will understand how the Church is called to the stewardship of creation.

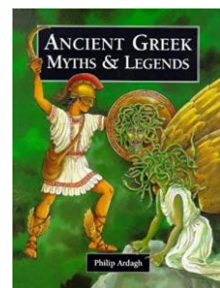


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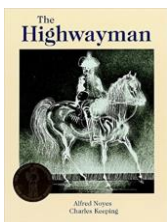
- Module – Feelings and Emotions
- Module – Keeping/Staying Safe
- Module – Keeping/Staying Healthy

English:

Myths- We will learn about many famous Greek myths, through shared reading and writing they will then write their own myth to amaze their audience.



Persuasion – A travel brochure about Greece which includes persuasion and information. The children will draw on their key learning in reading and research to produce this.

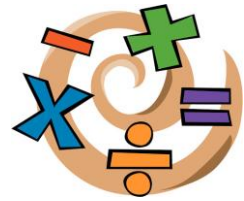


Classic Narrative Poetry – The pupils will be discussing and evaluating how authors use language to impact on the reader. The outcome will be a performance of the classic narrative poem 'The Highway Man'.

Ongoing English: Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation will be taught within the English lessons. Guided reading, spellings and handwriting will also continue.

Mathematics: This half term our key learning will focus on -

- Number – Decimals
- Measurement – Converting units
- Measurement – Volume



History: A study of Greek life & achievements and their influence on the western world looking at the following key questions.

KQ1) How can we know so much about the Ancient Greeks who lived over 2,500 years ago?

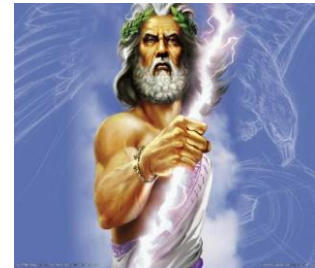
KQ2) What can we work out about everyday life in Ancient Athens?

KQ3) Why was Athens able to be so strong in the 5th and 6th century BC?

KQ4) Would You have preferred to live in Athens or Sparta?

KQ5) What can we tell about the Ancient Greeks from a study of their theatre & Olympics?

KQ6) What did the Ancient Greeks do for us?



Science: Animals Including Humans

- This half term, Year 5 will be learning about *Animals Including Humans*. Children will explore the human life cycle, from birth through to old age, and learn about the changes that occur as we grow and develop.
- Pupils will also consider how to maintain a healthy lifestyle through balanced nutrition, regular exercise, good hygiene and sufficient sleep. Throughout the unit, children will develop their scientific enquiry skills by asking questions, making comparisons, and presenting their findings using a range of methods.

Art: Painting and Mixed Media: Portraits

This term, Year 5 pupils will be exploring portraiture through painting and mixed media. Children will study how artists use colour, texture, shape, and proportion to represent people and express personality. They will experiment with a range of materials and techniques, including drawing, painting, collage, and layering, to create their own unique portraits. Throughout the unit, pupils will develop their observational skills, creativity, and confidence in using different artistic media while learning to evaluate and improve their work.



PE: PE will continue to be taught by Chorley School Sport Partnership on a Tuesday afternoon. The children come to school in their PE kit on a Tuesday.

French: Year 5 will have French lessons on a Tuesday afternoon. They will be developing a basic vocabulary and confidence in speaking French through songs, games and varied speaking activities.



Reading: Please encourage your child to read for 20 minutes each day. We use a reading record to record reading reviews when the children have completed a book. When the book is returned to school and the review is complete, they will be given a new book. As some of the books are a lot thicker as children progress through the reading levels, we understand these may take longer to read than a week. Please continue to spend time listening to your child read and ask them questions linked to the text. Books can be returned on any day in Year 5 and please sign the reading record once a book and review is complete.

Spellings: Spellings will be set each Friday and should be revised for a test the following Friday. A copy of these will be sent via Dojo.



Times Table Rockstars: Remember to encourage your child to keep using TTRS for rapid times tables fact recall.

Computing - Online Safety

This term, we will continue to develop understanding of how to stay safe and responsible online. Children will learn about protecting personal information, creating strong passwords, recognising reliable and unreliable content, and responding appropriately to online risks.

Notes for Parents:

Please ensure you read any correspondence sent by the school office or myself on Dojo. Any certificates and medals achieved, which your child wishes to share, are welcomed in our awards assembly on a Friday. Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school each day which should be full and then taken home each day to be washed. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Critchley

With Christ, we live, love, learn and grow.