

English

'The Adventures of Odysseus' by Hugh Lupton

Stimulus for discussion and debate, storytelling, storyboard, composition, roleplay, writing in character and shared writing. Other activities to include drawing, mapping and annotating the text.

Ancient Greek Myth:

'The Legend of Perseus and Medusa.' Promoting of drama activities to explore character's action and feelings. Subsequent creative writing and also narrative.

'Theseus and the Minotaur'

Catalyst for journalistic writing, recounting the events of this myth in the style of a newspaper article.

'Leon and the Place Between' a novel by Angela McAllister.

Designated class text supporting reading aloud and re-reading. Writing in role, visualising plot and events and shared writing.

SPAG

Activities promoting the choice of nouns or pronouns for clarity and cohesion within writing and to avoid repetition. Indicating possession by using the possessive apostrophe with singular and plural nouns. Opportunities within writing to use commas after fronted adverbials to improve quality.

Class Readers

'Elephant in the Garden' by Michael Morpurgo and 'Circus of Thieves and the Raffle of Doom' by William Sutcliffe.

Maths

Multiplication and Division

Teaching and learning activities and opportunities to promote a working knowledge and understanding of multiplication and division.

Multiplying and dividing 3-digit numbers by 0 and 1.

Multiplying 3 digits together.

Finding factor pairs.

Short multiplication - 2 and 3 digit numbers multiplied by a one digit number.

Times tables – children to be able to recount 11 and 12x tables.

Measurement - Develop an understanding of the area of various shapes by counting squares.

Fractions - Recognise and show equivalent fractions using diagrams. Adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator.

Decimals - Decimal equivalents of tenths and hundredths. Divide 1 and 2 digit numbers by 10 and 100.

Science

Animals including humans

Pupils to develop the knowledge and understanding required to describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans. Similarly, to be able to identify the different types of teeth in humans and their basic functions.

Children to develop skills in order to construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

History

Ancient Greece

Pupils to be introduced to life in Ancient Greece and its influence on the western world. Children will research and explore strands such as: Ancient Greek Empire, Greek Gods and Goddesses and Ancient Greek Alphabet. Legends such as Pandora's Box will promote opportunities for writing diaries, letters and newspaper articles.

Year 4 Spring Term Myths and Magic



Geography

Greece

(linked to History topic)
Children will, through research, be able to name and locate Greece and its surrounding islands using an atlas, progressing to identifying human and physical characteristics of modern day Greece (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; developing an understanding of how some of these aspects have changed over time.

The importance of tourism today in relation to Greece and its economy.

Computing

We are software developers

(Making the most of computers and the internet for communicating with one or many, and working together on projects, such as developing a magic game.

We are co-authors

Write an information page about a Greek story.

Music

Children will have the opportunity to play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and percussion instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression.

Appreciating work by classical and modern day composers, e.g. soundtrack to Harry Potter films.

DT

Design and make a Greek Pyramid

Via the construction of structures (Greek Pyramids – pyramids of Argolis), children will develop a range of designs/skills, e.g. making nets, scoring, measuring, cutting and reinforcing joints.

RE/PSHE/British Values:

Foundation of Buddhism and its main beliefs, special places and festivals, Holy book, symbols and meanings.

Promoting mutual respect for and tolerance of people in our community with different faiths and beliefs and also for those without any specific faith. Children will be supported to understand the terms democracy and individual liberty.

PE

Dance

Children will have opportunities to perform dances using a range of movement patterns, involving different body parts.

Weekly skipping sessions as part of the city project.

Gymnastics

Children to develop their flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance via gymnastic activities.

Languages

French - The Classroom

Children to have opportunities to listen attentively and understand instructions in French within the classroom, learning a range of vocabulary.

Be able to recognise some everyday French words in their written form and experiment with writing simple words and sentences. Write simple words and compose basic phrases.

Art and Design

Design your own book cover (linked to magic topic and Harry Potter).

Design your own Greek vase (linked to History topic).