



Curriculum Newsletter Year 3 Term 1 2020 Groovy Greeks

Dear Parents/Carers,

After what has been an unusual end of the school year, we hope that you all have an amazing summer! We are very much looking forward to seeing you in September!

Overview of themes for the year

Autumn 1- Groovy Greeks

Autumn 2- Young Inventors

Spring 1- Raiders and Invaders

Spring 2 - Awesome Authors

Summer 1- Rainforests

Summer 2- Africa

Trips and Visitors for the year

Autumn 1 – We will be holding a mini Olympics just like the Ancient Greeks.

Autumn 2 – We will become inventors and create our own Rube Goldberg machines.

Spring 1 – For our Fab Finale for our Raiders and Invaders theme, we are hoping to have a visit from The Drama Hut, where we will be Vikings for the day! This will cost around £8.

Spring 2 – In this term, we will be having a storyteller come in for our Fab Finale.

Summer 1/Summer 2- As our Fab Finale for our Rainforest theme and our Wow Starter for our Summer 2 theme, we will be going to the Living Rainforest and The Cotswold Wildlife Park with an overnight stay in Oxfordshire costing around £140. An information evening will be held in September.

Groovy Greeks



Our theme for the next term is Groovy Greeks, where we will be exploring the ancient Greek world; we will be finding out about what life was like in Ancient Greece, discover different significant figures of the time and consider how life in ancient Greece has influenced life in the Western World. On Wow day 1, Thursday 3rd September we will be exploring our key text and becoming more familiar with the Greek gods and goddesses.

On Wow day 2, Friday 4th September, we will be having a day in the life of a person living in Ancient Greece. **We would therefore like children to dress up in an ancient Greek outfit.** Please ensure that your child(ren) has something warm to wear out at playtime.

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English



In English, we will be focusing on 'meeting tales'; where two main characters will meet on an adventure. Our focus text for this term will be 'Beasts of Olympus' which is based on Greek Mythology. We will be diving into the lives of the Greek gods, goddesses and mythical creatures.

Spellings will be linked to our work on Get Spelling and will come home on Mondays. Spellings will be stuck into reading record books so please ensure that they are in school everyday. Children should use *spellingshed.com* to help learn their spellings. Please support your child(ren) to learn spellings ready to be tested on Fridays. Visit *spellingshed.com*

Reading

We will be developing our understanding of reading through reading skills sessions. Please listen to your child read as least three times a week and make a note of it in the reading record book. Don't forget that every time your child reads, they get a raffle ticket which goes into a monthly draw to win their very own brand new book. Please visit *oxfordreadingbuddy.com* to keep your reading and comprehension skills sharp!

Maths

During this term, we will be working on our knowledge of place value. Throughout this unit, we will be representing numbers in different ways, making comparisons and ordering numbers up to 1000 and solving problems based on what we have learnt throughout the term.

Times tables



Please support your child with the learning of their times tables.

Children in Year 3 need to learn and recall facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. They are tested every week and all children will know which times table they need to be learning. If you could keep practising with your child, we will all become times table superstars!

Thank you in advance for all your support. We hope you have a fantastic summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you in Autumn 1.

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