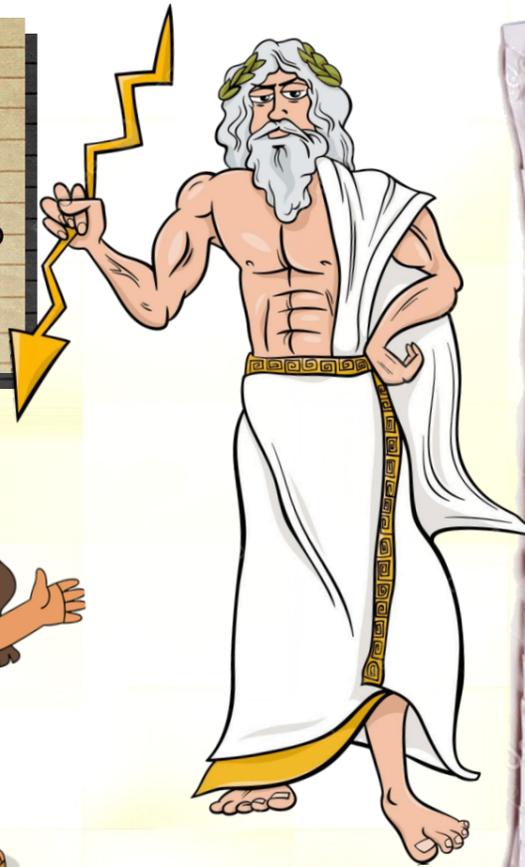


PE

We will be developing our hockey skills over the next few weeks. We will develop our ability to dribble, shoot and pass a ball accurately. We will also work on the way we play in teams, taking on specific attacking and defending roles.

Computing

We will develop our programming skills by writing code to control clever little bits of kit called Micro:bits. By using the online editor, we will learn how to get them to send signals, respond to inputs, display outcomes and play games.



English

Our first unit is based around *The Misadventures of Frederick* by Ben Manley. This story is written as a collection of letters between Frederick and his friend Emily, and we will use it to focus on persuasive writing techniques. We will investigate the use of hyperbole and modal verbs, and will then use these skills to write persuasive letters of our own.

After that, we will switch to explore non-chronological reports, using *The Sea Below My Toes*, by Charlotte Guillain, as our starting point. We will revisit the use of headings, subheadings, brackets and bullet points to organise our writing, and will then write our own reports, linking in with our trip to the Science Museum.

This half-term, we'll be learning about...



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Science

Life-cycles

Our next science topic will see us investigating the life cycles of lots of different living things - from mammals to amphibians to insects to birds. We will identify the different stages that each creature goes through, and explore similarities and differences between them all. This will also link in with our Big Talk sessions in March, helping us to learn about human life-cycles.

The Arts

Linking in with our history topic we will be making Greek vases. We will start by making the body of the vase from paper mache (wrapping around balloons), before adding spouts and handles. We will look carefully at the way that original vases were decorated (often with images from Greek myths) and then use these to inspire our own designs.

Maths

Now that we have secured lots of our arithmetic skills, this half-term we will be focussing on fractions and measurement. We will learn to compare, order, add and subtract fractions, and will link these to equivalent percentages. After that, we will explore different ways to measure length, mass and capacity and develop our ability to convert between units. We will investigate area and volume, learning to calculate the volume of cubes and cuboids by measuring the length of their sides. We will also continue to develop our understanding of angle and our ability to both measure and calculate unknown angles. Throughout the term we will also continue to develop our quick recall of tables facts.

Humanities

History

We will be continuing our exploration of Ancient Greece, and learning about their Gods, wars, myths, clothes, theatre and governments. We will also be looking carefully at how this civilisation fits into the timeline of periods we already know about, and considering how Greek civilisation influenced those that followed (particularly the Romans), and how we still use Ancient Greek ideas (and words) today. We will also be exploring Greek Gods and myths, which will tie in with our work in English.

PSHE

We will be exploring the idea of peer pressure and learning about the dangers of smoking.

PE

Keeping fit, happy and healthy is always important. There are links to lots of great resources and workouts to help everyone in the family get active at www.sportengland.org/jointhemovement

Computing

- All of the tasks we'll be working on in class are available at microbit.org. There are links to the MakeCode editor we've been using, loads of project ideas and lots more information about these clever devices.



English

- Constant practice of reading - and discussion of what's been read - is just about the most valuable thing you can do at home. Try to listen to your child as often as possible.
- Spelling homework goes out every Thursday, so please help your child to learn these. You can find more advice on supporting spelling at: www.bedwell.herts.sch.uk/learning/spelling_strategies.pdf
- It's World Book Day on 5th March, so keep an eye out for the tokens that will be coming home soon, which you can exchange for a free £1 book at most supermarkets and bookshops. You can find out more about this year's line-up of books at www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/

Ideas for supporting learning at home:



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Science

- Our work on life-cycles is a great excuse to watch some of David Attenborough's fantastic nature documentaries together, a huge number of which are available on the BBC iplayer.
- What 'baby' animals can you see when you're out and about? Which look like small versions of their parents (like ducklings) and which look very different (like tadpoles)?

The Arts

Our Greeks topic is full of opportunities for home art projects - making vases, drawing pictures of Gods or creating costumes and shields. Great places to find ideas include: activityvillage.co.uk/ancient-greece-crafts, mysteriesintime.com/7-ancient-greek-project-ideas-to-try-today/, bakerross.co.uk/craft-ideas/

Maths

As always, quick recall of tables facts is vital for many of the strategies we use, so it would be brilliant if you could work on this. Focus on one table at a time and try:

- Making-up rhymes to help remember number facts ("4 x 6 is 24, bears growl and lions roar!")
- Looking for numbers in that table in the world around you - on doors, car number plates, in phone numbers or when you're out shopping.
- Writing-out tables with finger paints, chalk or water-on-tarmac, or make them from playdoh.
- Chanting, singing, whispering... Say tables out loud together whenever you have the chance.

Humanities

- In history we are learning about the Ancient Greeks, which provides lots of opportunities for learning beyond the classroom - particularly linked to Greek Myths, which are full of amazing characters. There's lots of video and information to get you started available on BBC Bitesize at www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39
- If you're up for a day out, the British Museum has a huge amount to offer, covering not just Greeks but Egyptians, Vikings and loads more besides - and it's free for the whole family to visit.
- In PSHE, we're talking about peer pressure, which would be a great topic to follow up on at home - why do we sometimes feel pressured by our friends to do things? What can we do in these situations?