

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring 2019



This term our theme is 'Standing on the Shoulders of Giants'. As Historians, the children will be studying the ancient Greeks. Children will have the opportunity to find out more about daily life in ancient Greece, the battle of Marathon, their religious beliefs and about the ancient Olympics. Children will also compare life in ancient Greece with life in England and discuss the similarities and differences between them. Later on in the term, we will be having a 'Greek' day where children will experience valuable learning opportunities through role play, practical activities and interaction with artefacts. The hall becomes the Agora in Athens and children will become traders and craftsmen.

As Artists, we will be making Greek masks. These masks will then be used during literacy to perform various Greek myths and legends that the children will have written. Children will have the opportunity to work on projects individually and as part of a group.

As Design Technologists, we will be researching and making Greek dishes. During these sessions, we will be learning about hygiene when preparing food and how to keep safe in the kitchen. The focus will be on healthy food choices and will also look at balanced diets. Children will also be exploring levers and linkages when designing and creating a puppet with moving components for our own Greek themed production.

In Geography, we will be locating Greece, its surrounding countries and other physical features on a variety of different maps and then considering how these features may have affected life in ancient Greece. We will also be looking at Greece today and why it is such a popular tourist destination.

As Scientists, we will be investigating forces and magnets. Children will be making predictions, planning and carrying out experiments, comparing materials based on their magnetism and exploring the concept of a fair test.