

## Curriculum News - Year 3 Summer 1 and 2

Welcome back! Hope you've all had a wonderful break over the Easter period and you've managed to relax in preparation for the Summer term.

Your child has been provided with a P.E kit, which is kept at school and washed regularly. Please inform school if you wish to provide a PE kit from home.

### Our topic for this term is Ancient Greece

#### English

This term, we will be thinking about some myths and legends from the Ancient Greeks. We are going to start off with Theseus and the Minotaur. We will explore the characters, setting and transfer this into our own myths.

We will discover lots of new language which will help us with our topic work based around Ancient Greece.

#### Maths:

We are much more confident with our 4 operations and we will have a big focus on fractions. We will explore fractions in different ways and different contexts so that it is well-embedded.

In the latter part of the term, we will complete our work around measures and geometry.

#### Science

Over the term, we will look at 2 main topic areas. Initially, we will be looking at 'Plants'. We will build on our learning from KS1 and consider the functions of each part of the plant, what they need to survive, how water is transported and the different stages involved in the life cycle of a flowering plant.

After half term, we will look at 'Light'. We will look in more detail at light and the absence of light. We will also look at shadows and patterns with shadows. It will also be the perfect opportunity for us to think about the sun and the potential dangers.

#### Topic:

Our topic this term is all about 'Ancient Greece'. We will look at lots of different areas surrounding the Ancient Greeks such as their daily lives, their achievements and their influence on the Western World.

We will also think about using maps, globes, atlases and digital mapping to locate where Greece is. We will also compare Ancient Greece with Greece nowadays. We can use our skills to identify human and physical features. It will also be a chance to develop our knowledge of places, for example: continents, seas, countries nearby, etc.

#### PE

PE will continue to be on a Wednesday. It is the perfect time to think about Athletics as this links well with the Ancient Greeks.

#### Computing

Each term, we think about how we can stay safe on the computers and online via other devices.

We will also look at how we can present information so that we can share what we've learned about Ancient Greece.

### Ways you can help at home/ homework:

- We have logins for TT Rock Stars which develop times tables and corresponding division facts. It is an online programme but there are printable resources.
- Year 3 will be focusing on the statutory spelling list for year 3/4, there are some very tricky words on here and any support you can offer your child in terms of using these words and helping them to spell is appreciated.
- Now is a great time to get your child an analogue watch (available for £5 in most big supermarkets). It really helps them to become more fluent in telling the time, an essential maths skill in Year 3.
- Complete homework projects- each term there is a homework project to complete.
- Weekly spellings and homework- each week, homework sheets and spellings for the week will be sent home to learn and practise. Please check homework folders regularly. Homework is sent out on a Thursday and needs to return to school on a Monday.
- If ever you need anything, please get in touch. ☺