



**Groovy Greeks**

**YEAR 3**

**SPRING 2023-2024**



FOCUS CURRICULUM PRINCIPLES – 2. Strong working partnerships 3. High quality outcomes. Deep learning. 8. Broad, Relevant and Balanced – Local, Mainland, Global.

## **KEY AREA OF LEARNING – HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY**

Our key area of learning this term is Ancient Greece. We will explore the history of the civilisation and we will also look at the geography of the country today. We will learn about life in the time of the Greeks and their many achievements and how they have influenced the way we live today. We will also explore their strong belief in the Gods and read many of the Greek myths.

### **SCIENCE**

In Spring 1, we will be learning about Forces and Magnets.

In Spring 2, we will be learning about Light and Shadows.

### **ENGLISH**

In Spring 1, we will be focusing our reading and writing around some Ancient Greek legends. We will look in particular at the story of Odysseus and the Cyclops as well as the story of Icarus. The children will learn to write a 5-part adventure story.

In Spring 2, we will be looking at a completely different genre of writing and will be basing our learning around the humorous story poem 'The Giant Jam Sandwich'. We will look at instructional writing and report writing.

### **MATHS**

We have a very busy term, in which we will be learning about the following areas of maths:

Multiplication and Division.

Length and Perimeter.

Fractions.

Mass and Capacity.

### **HOMEWORK**

We ask that you hear your child read frequently please and sign their record. Weekly spellings will be sent home on a Friday and tested upon the following Friday. An optional piece of alternating English/Maths homework will also be issued each Friday, to return by the following Friday.

### **COMPUTING**

In computing this term we will be focusing on Creating Media using Desktop Publishing. We will move on to look at Data and Information – Branching databases.

### **PE**

The children will have two PE lessons each week – both with the school sports coach. PE will be on a Tuesday and Thursday.

### **FRENCH**

We will learn: colours, body parts and how to say our birthday as well as the days of the week and months of the year. We will also learn to say what we like and dislike.

### **PSHE/SMSC**

We will be exploring what it means to belong to a community. We will be considering the need to work and to earn money to live and the value we all play.

### **TRIPS/VISITORS**

On the last Friday of Spring 1 half-term, we will be having a Greek Day in class. The children are invited to come in dressed up as an Ancient Greek person, God or mythical character. We will have a variety of Greek art/craft activities across the day. We will learn to perform a Greek dance!

### **ART**

In Spring 1 we will be exploring a famous sculptor. We will be designing and creating our own Greek pots. In Spring 2, we will explore the medium of printing and we will look at the artist Hetty Hoxworth.

### **DT**

We will look at linkages and we will research, design and make a moving head of a fictitious monster (inspired by Greek mythology.) We will evaluate our finished products.

### **MUSIC**

Our music lessons will be linked to our Greek topic, in which we will listen to and take inspiration from some traditional Greek music. We will learn a Greek dance too!

### **RE**

In Spring 1, we will explore the word 'Authority' and we will learn about the Torah. In Spring 2, we will look at Love and our changing Emotions. We will also learn about Easter.