



Year 3
Spring Term 2nd Half



Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents,

Our learning theme for this half term is 'Ancient Greece' Below is an outline of what we will be learning and some ways that you can help support your child's learning at home.

We have started our topic by immersing in the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur and exploring Ancient Greek pottery. The children demonstrated great creativity this week when creating a range of Ancient Greek patterns. They also enjoyed being history detectives and finding out about Ancient Greece from primary and secondary sources of evidence.

Supporting learning at home

There are many ways to support your child at home; below are a few examples:

- Encourage your child to read as often as possible. The children will have a reading book from school, however please encourage them to read as wide a range of genres as possible. For instance, they could read their class reading book and also read non-fiction books, or websites, about Ancient Greece or about our science topic of 'Forces'.
- Support your child to learn their spellings every week. We will be exploring a range of strategies in class that your child will be able to share with you.
- Use Hit The Button and Times Tables Rock Stars (see links below) to help your child to practice the current maths topic, or to help them to learn their multiplication tables.
- Encourage your children to continue to take pride in their appearance by wearing the correct uniform to school.
- Ensure that your child has a healthy fruit snack and a bottle of water in class every day.
- If possible, please send an old shirt (adult-size) with your child's name in to use as an Art shirt for when we are painting. This Art shirt will then be kept in your child's locker ready for any messy Art lessons. We do have some Art shirts in school that your child may borrow, but we cannot guarantee one for every child.

PE

During this term our PE lessons will be swimming on a Tuesday morning and dance on a Thursday morning. Please can you help your child to practise getting dry and dressed promptly after they have been swimming. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 27th February – our first swimming lesson
- Tuesday 16th April – our last swimming lesson
- Thursday 7th March – World Book Day
- Tuesday 19th March 8:45am – Y3 Class Assembly

Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any queries. The class email is year3@barfordstpeters.co.uk

The Year Three Team

English

In English we will be learning:

- To create characters
- To describe settings
- To use fronted adverbials and a range of sentence openers
- To continue to use paragraphs to structure our writing
- To use speech in our stories to show character
- To evaluate our own writing and suggest ways to improve it
- To identify the features of myths and legends
- To retell a famous myth
- To write a newspaper report

Examples of texts which support the learning in our topic are:

- Greek myths by Marcia Williams
- So You Think You've Got it Bad? A Kid's Life in Ancient Greece
By Chae Strathie & Marisa Morea
- A range of non-fiction books & websites for reference

Maths

In Maths we will be learning:

- To measure, compare, add and subtract: lengths (m/cm/mm); mass (kg/g); volume/capacity (l/ml)
- To interpret and present data using bar charts, pictograms and tables
- To solve one-step and two-step questions (for example, 'How many more?' and 'How many fewer?') using information presented in scaled bar charts and pictograms and tables
- To find a half, a quarter and a third of a set of objects
- To recognise simple equivalence in fractions (e.g. $1/2 = 2/4$)

Useful websites:

- <https://trockstars.com>
- [Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk)

Spanish



In Spanish this half term we will be starting a new topic called, 'I like ice-cream.' We will be learning key food vocabulary including how to order our favourite flavours of ice-cream!

Art



In Art this half term we will be learning about how Ancient Greek pottery can be used for evidence of life at this time. We will also explore the geometric patterns used to embellish the pots. We will then paint our own designs.

Science



In Science we will be starting our topic of 'Forces and Magnets.' This half-term we will be focussing on 'what is a force?' We will experiment with forces and the effects of friction. We will then learn about Isaac Newton.

P.E.



Our P.E. topics this half term are dance and swimming. We will be developing our musicality, creativity and expressiveness in dance. Whilst in swimming we will be improving our confidence in the water and the quality of our swimming strokes.

Relationships & Health Education



In R.H.E. our topic is: 'Safety and the changing body'. We will be learning what to do in an emergency and how to contact the relevant emergency service. We will then explore road safety, before looking at who influences us.

R.E.



In R.E. we will continue to consider the question, 'Why do people pray?' We will discuss how Christians and Hindus pray. We will also consider significant prayers and compare the three key religions we have studied this term.

History



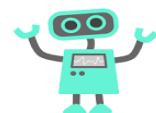
In History we will be using primary and secondary sources of evidence to find out about daily life in Ancient Greece. We will then explore their beliefs about gods and goddesses, before concluding our topic with the history of the Olympic Games.

Music



In Music we will be continuing with our brass lessons. We are learning about pitch, rhythm and how to create the different notes on our particular brass instrument. We are learning to play trumpets, cornets and euphoniums.

Computing



In Computing we will be continuing to learn about Internet Safety. This will include: 'fake news', privacy settings, ways to deal with upsetting online content and protecting our personal information.