

Year 3 – Gods and Mortals



Why did Icarus fall from the sky?

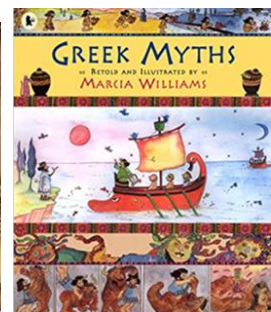
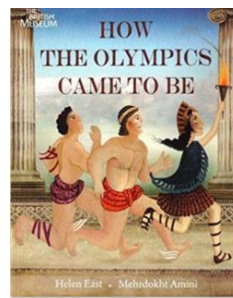
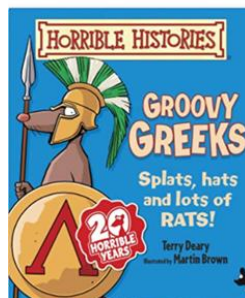
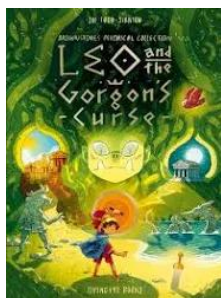
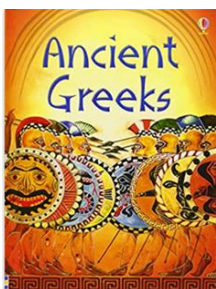
Project Overview

Our exciting new topic will be 'Gods and Mortals'. From nothingness came chaos; from chaos came air and water; from air and water came life. Then, rising majestically from the darkness, came Gaia, Mother Earth, a beacon of warmth and light.

Discover a fantastical world full of mythical creatures and legendary heroes. Poseidon, Apollo, Artemis and Zeus reign almighty from Mount Olympus, watching mere mortals on dusty Athenian streets. Meet Theseus, the hero, and Helen of Troy, the beautiful face that launched a thousand ships.

Explore the terrains of Greece, where in pure blue skies, the Sun scorches waxen wings and melts the fortunes of Icarus and Daedalus.

Recommended Books



This Term We Are Learning ...

English	Our reading and writing will be based around the picture book 'Leo and the Gorgon's Curse' where young Leo, living in Ancient Greece, aims to be a hero. Instead of slaying monsters, he learns to protect them, ultimately challenging the traditional, violent approach to Greek myths by befriending creatures like Medusa. The children will write a Top Tips for Heroes - learning to use a range of effective adjectives; conjunctions – so that, because and as and organisational features such as headings and subheadings. We will write a mythical beast character description. The children will work on selecting effective adjectives and verbs to portray character as well as using prepositional phrases (from, towards, across). Finally, the children will begin to learn how to punctuate speech, writing a simple dialogue between two characters from Leo and the Gorgon's Curse.
Maths	The children will be adding and subtracting numbers across 10, they will then move onto looking at numbers to 1,000, where they will understand about place value to support them in writing addition and subtraction equations.
Science	<u>Light</u> The children will learn that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. They will learn how light is reflected from surfaces and also that light from the sun can be dangerous and how they can protect their eyes. During our whole school science day the children will learn about shadows - observing that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked and also finding patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.
Religious Education	What do Christians learn from the creation story?What do Christians learn from the creation story? Understanding how we can learn from God to take care of our world. How God's rules allow us to care for the world. Understanding 'the fall' and how God saved us all.
Art	<u>Clay Pinch pots</u> The children will learn about different Greek clay pots and their uses. They will then design and make their own clay pinch pot inspired by greek pottery.
Computing	Internet Safety We will be introducing the SMART rules to the children: Safe, Meet, Accepting, Reliable, Tell. We will discuss how important it is to follow these guidelines and how to keep ourselves safe online. Computer Systems and Networks We will be looking at how computers work and the role that the various components play.
Geography	The children will be using atlases and photographs to learn about the physical and urban Geography of modern day Greece.
History	<u>Gods and Mortals</u> The children will be learning all about Ancient Greece this term. They will be creating a timeline of this period in history and about what everyday life was like for an Ancient Greek. We will look at how their achievements have helped shape our world today - focusing on the Olympics and Democracy as just two

	examples. The children will learn about the Ancient Greek Gods and their beliefs and stories.
MFL	Introducing themselves and their family The children will learn to introduce themselves and their family in French while also learning to count to ten. They will also learn simple greetings.
P.E.	Fitness – Friday afternoons Children develop components of fitness, such as strength, speed, aerobic fitness and coordination. The children will develop a greater physical knowledge, be able to demonstrate good whole-body strength and discuss the importance in leading healthy, active lifestyles. Football Skills – Tuesday afternoons Children will develop ball control, improving control when moving around, and increasing the accuracy and control when passing, shooting and receiving.
PSHE	Being Me in My World (Jigsaw) – We will begin the term thinking about our well-being and settling into Year 3. The children will set themselves personal goals, discuss rules, rights and responsibilities and think about rewards and consequences. We will then think about our self-identity and worth and identify what makes a responsible choice. The children will then develop the skills of seeing things from others' perspectives which will help them identify how our actions affect others. They will then develop their growth mindset and identify the positivity in challenges and development of resilience.

How To Help Your Child's Learning

Homework

We will continue to set spelling homework every Friday, spellings will be sent home as a paper copy.

Reading

We expect the children to read at least 3 times a week, but strongly encourage them to read each night and to record this in their diary, along with a brief comment. This can be done by your child or an adult, or a mixture of both. Regular reading and recording will be rewarded.

Timestable Rockstars

With an emphasis on developing children's speed in recalling their times table number facts up to the twelve times table, we will continue to formally teach times tables as part of Timestable Rockstars. To support your child's learning they will be provided with a login for Times Tables Rockstars which can be accessed on a laptop, tablet or mobile phone. Each week, children will be set sessions to complete. Timestables practice will be an expectation once we have begun our sessions in school.

Key Vocabulary

City-state	Labyrinth
Cavalry	Legend
Deity	Marathon
God	Minotaur
Hero	Olympic games
Hoplite	Phalanx

Items Related to Our Project

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7nrydm/articles/z2ngf82>

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/search/ancient-greece/>

Information For This Term

PE days are Tuesday and Friday.

Your child should come to school in their kit on PE days. They should wear a white t-shirt, black tracksuit bottoms/leggings and a plain black jumper/zip up. Your child should also have a spare pair of shoes in school in case their trainers get too muddy to wear inside. Please ensure all their kit is named. If your child has earrings, they need to be able to remove these themselves. Hair, shoulder length or longer, should be tied up as Staff cannot help with this.