



# Awesome Ancient Greeks



Year 3  
Autumn Term 1 2018

We are very excited to introduce to you our Year 3 topic about the Ancient Greeks.

The children will be commencing their learning with a surprise "WOW" activity to hook them into the new topic...This may get messy!

We will be finding out about the Ancient Greek way of life, their achievements and their influence on the modern world. The children will be ending the unit with another "WOW" activity...We hope they have good appetites!

You will be invited to celebrate our learning at an Ancient Greek Olympic Games where the children will show off their work.

As **readers**... we will maintain positive attitudes to reading and the understanding of what we read. We will focus on our reading stamina by reading an increasing quantity of text daily. We will listen to a variety of Greek myths and legends. We will also focus on retrieving information from what we have read about the Ancient Greeks.

As **writers**... we will focus on our grammatical knowledge of how sentences are constructed with the use of different word classes. These skills will be applied to writing character and setting descriptions within a retelling of a familiar Greek myth. We will also use information we have learnt from our non-fiction reading sessions to write an information text.

As **historians**...we will learn about the chronology of where the Ancient Greek period fits into world history. We will compare the similarities and differences, between then and now and, using a range of sources, discuss how the Ancient Greeks have influenced modern life.

As **artists**... we will analyse art from Ancient Greek times and use this knowledge to create some original art work.



## Confident Individuals

## Meadowside Representatives

## British Citizens

### Basic Skills

Throughout the topic, there will be opportunities for children to use ICT to research information. They will need to have good reading stamina to access all of the information they will find. They will also use their maths skills to recognise Greek numerals.

### Personal Values

Reflection, one of our Meadowside Values, will be a focus of this unit as we reflect on what the Ancient Greeks did for us in our every day life.

We will promote individual Responsibility through encouraging self-learning and additional research about our topic.

### British Values

We will learn about mutual respect and tolerance of other's beliefs through our work about Greek Gods.

We will learn about Democracy and how the Ancient Greeks influenced our democratic system.



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## Science: Forces and Magnets

We will be comparing how things move on different surfaces using pushes and pulls and experimenting with ways of making this easier.

We will be investigating how magnets attract and repel different materials.

We will use the scientific skills of prediction and recording results in an organised manner.



## ICT: We are Animators

We will be looking at e-safety and how we can stay safe when online.

We will also be learning some basic programming techniques using the Scratch program. We will learn what a Sprite is and how to make it follow commands.

## MFL: French

For our French sessions, we will learn about different greetings, colours and animal names. The focus of our French sessions will be familiarisation with a different language.



## PE:

PE lessons will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit and can remove any earrings themselves. We will be outside when weather permits, so suitable clothing and footwear is essential.

## Music

We will be using the Charanga program to explore different musical artists and styles including R&B, Michael Jackson, Western Classical, Musicals, Motown and Soul. Each lesson will involve some listening and appraising, musical activities and then performing the song we have worked on, 'Let Your Spirit Fly'.

## PSHE: New Beginnings

This theme focuses on developing children's knowledge, understanding and skills in four key social and emotional aspects of learning: empathy, self-awareness, social skills and motivation.

The theme offers children the opportunity to see themselves as valued individuals within a community, and to contribute to shaping a welcoming, safe and fair learning community for all.



## Maths:

We are focussing on mastering the concepts of place value, addition and subtraction.

We will be developing a thorough understanding of place value of numbers to a 1000 and addition and subtraction within 1000.

## Geography

We will be using atlas skills to identify the location of Mainland Greece and the Greek Islands. We will also be comparing the physical features of Greece with the UK.

## RE: Why is Jesus an inspirational leader?

We will be looking at what makes an inspirational leader and how a person can influence the lives of others. We will be listening to Christian bible stories including miracles and parables and finding out what makes Jesus an inspiration to some people. We will also make links to our British values within these sessions when discussing tolerance of those with different beliefs and faiths.

This unit will continue for the whole of the Autumn term.

