



Year 4 Topic Web – Autumn 1 – 2020

'Gods and Mortals'



	What we will be covering in class	Supporting your child's learning at home
Engage	To launch our exciting new 'Gods & Mortals' topic we will be dressing up as Ancient Greeks for the day! The children will then spend the morning reading Greek Myths and then taking part in creative activities linked to them. We will create a timeline of Ancient Greek events and have fun finding out about them!	Continue to support your child's mental skills by helping them to practise their times tables and number facts, especially the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Your child has their renewed 'MyMaths' logins and new challenges have been set. Please encourage them to log on regularly.
Develop	Over the course of three weeks, we will be reading and watching animated versions of famous Greek myths and legends. We will be focusing on instructive writing and we will be writing instructions about making and using a Trojan horse to invade a city. We also have fun following instructions to play games in ICT. Finally, we will also be writing our own exciting myths, which will contain excellent descriptive language and a variety of sentence structures.	Ask your child to retell you the stories and any morals behind the Greek myths and legends they have read about in class. There are many fantastic websites, which support our topic with games and activities. Have a look at: http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/ancient_gre_eks/ http://www.ngkids.co.uk/did-you-know/10-facts-about-the-Ancient-Greeks http://www.ancientgreece.co.uk/ http://www.ngkids.co.uk/did-you-know/greek_gods
Innovate	The children will be challenged to design and make their own versions of 'Pandora's Box'. They will fill their box with good things that could be let out and write an explanation to say what they have chosen and why. They will then make a mask inspired by Greek theatre, before using drama to retell our own myths.	http://www.ancientgreece.co.uk/gods/explore/exp_set.html http://vimeo.com/4470215
Express	To end our topic on a high, the children will receive a letter from Zeus, commending their work and anointing them as a new god. They will then design their new deity and write a description of who they are and what they represent.	Please let us know if you find any other good websites that we can share with the other children.

Maths	We will start the term by looking at place value and talking about numbers. We will also be adding and subtracting 3-digit and 4-digit numbers, introducing children to written methods of columnar addition and subtraction. The children will develop their mental addition and subtraction skills and begin to use formal written methods for these operations. They will also be recalling and using multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 times tables and learning how to multiply bigger numbers effectively using the grid method. The children will also be telling the time using analogue clocks as well as roman numerals. They will then be telling and estimating the time to the nearest minute.		
English	In English, we will be looking at the features of instructions, annotating examples and creating our own. This will be followed by a myth writing unit which will involve us reading and writing our own myths using descriptive language and a range of sentence types. Finally, children will be designing their own new deity; writing a description of their own god and presenting their finished creation on to decorated parchment paper!		
History	The children will order events and dates from Ancient Greek history on a timeline. They will investigate the everyday life of Ancient Greeks, focusing specifically on the contrasting lives of the rich and poor. We will then look at the Battle of Marathon and explore Greek Gods and Goddesses.		
Art & Design	We will make sketches of images, scenes and patterns taken from Greek pottery. We will also be sketching mythical creatures.	PE	In PE we will be developing our speed, agility and quickness in a range of games and activities.
Computing	Children will be using code to play games and write their own algorithms.	PSHE	We are focusing on growth mind-set this term and your child's wellbeing is our priority. We will think about how to overcome challenges and read stories about being kind, supporting others and addressing our fears.
D & T	The children will make clay models linked to the myth Pandora's box, they will also design and make their own box and fill it with positive objects.	French	We will learn to develop our intercultural understanding by being introduced to the sights of some typical French cities. We will also learn to describe places in a town, count to 100 and give our address in French.
Music	The Children in Year 4 will be learning to play the Ukulele this term.	RE	We will be exploring Christianity and what it means to be a Christian in the UK today.