



## Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a brilliant lovely Christmas and New Year and now feel ready for the year ahead. This newsletter will detail the various topics that we will be covering this term. On the reverse, you will find other important information and significant dates for your calendar. Keep an eye on [Seesaw](#) to ensure that you receive the latest updates and notifications.

### English

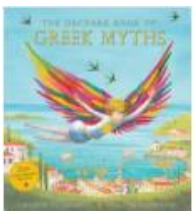
This term we will be delivering our English lessons based around different texts linked to our topic. Our main focus this term is to use direct speech and create a descriptive scene from a myth, followed by writing a persuasive speech about sustainability and the environment.

The main texts will be:

A collection of myths from **'The Orchard Book of Greek Myths'**.

**'Mama Miti'** by Donna Jo Napoli

**'The Secret Garden'** by Frances Hodgson Burnett



We will also link texts to our topics and reading masters. Therefore we will read non-fiction texts about life in Ancient Greece.

As reading is vital for your child's on-going development, please listen to them as often as possible and then sign their reading records.

### Maths

This term, we will cover multiplication and division, money and length. We will also be continuing to practice timestables for weekly 'Cracking Times Tables' checks. Please support your children by helping them learn 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10s this term. It can be singing songs, using Lego bricks or simply counting up in groups.

Remember, using mathematics skills in real-life situations really helps children to embed their skills. Any activities such as shopping, measuring or budgeting that you can do with your child will benefit them enormously.

### Trips

We are very excited about organising trips this term. One being 'The Look Out Discovery Centre'. We will also be having an expert come in and organise an Ancient Greece day. Children are encouraged to dress up for this day. We will confirm dates via seesaw and email closer to the time.

# Science & Topic

Our first science topic for this term will be forces and magnets where we will be comparing how things move on different surfaces, investigate magnetic materials and observe how magnets attract or repel according to their poles.

In history this term we will be creating historical enquiries that allow children to ask questions about the Ancient Greeks and then compare our daily life to then. Also realise what legacies they left us and the impact they had on our modern world.

In geography, after the half term, we will focus on sustainability and the environment.

## Homework

**Reading** – this should be recorded as often as possible and records will be checked regularly in school.

**Maths** - times table practice is encouraged at home. Mathematics will be assigned on their grids to complete

**Spellings** – words will be posted on Seesaw and need to be learned in preparation for a weekly spelling test. For some children these words may be linked to continued phonics learning.

**Homework Grids** - will be posted half-termly that will have a range of activities on (*such as research projects, writing activities or building challenges*). Each week, the children can choose from the list the homework that they would like to do dependent on time, resources and personal preference.

# Other Info

As mentioned last term, there is an expectation for the children to bring in their own stationery. Valuable learning time can be wasted because children have not had the appropriate equipment.

Children should be equipped with the following: pencil(s) ruler, sharpener, eraser, whiteboard pen and a glue stick.

Please label your child's belongings, including uniform, clearly.

*We are very much looking forward to another term of learning. Our PSHE unit this term is living in the wider world so will get the whole year group working together and becoming a little community. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress or welfare, please do not hesitate to contact us.*

*Yours sincerely,*

**Miss Cornish and Miss Wootton**

and the Year Three team

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