



Terms: 1 and 2

Year Group: 3

Teachers: Mrs. Vassan and Mr. Mackle

TAs: Mrs. Murphy and Mr. Bunker

Topic Titles: Greece

What will your child be learning this term? How can you help them make good progress?

*What can you do at home to help?

English:

With a focus on **oral retelling** and **narrative writing**, we will be:

- Reading a range of text types
- Developing comprehension strategies, with particular focus on inference and deduction
- Creating a range of sentence structures
- Identifying patterns in spelling, grammar and spoken language
- Choosing rich vocabulary to improve the quality of our writing
- Learning to form letters correctly and make suitable joins when writing

Mathematics:

Using the '**Inspire Maths**' curriculum we will:

- Learn to rapidly recall the times tables
- Read, write, order and compare numbers up to 1,000 determining the value of each digit
- Learn to use effective mental calculation strategies
- Solve problems using the 'Singapore Bar Method'

Religious Education:

In **Religious Education** our first topic will be the 'Christian Family'. We will be learning about what it means to be a part of God's family and the Sacrament of Baptism.

Then in Term 2 we will be learning about 'Mary, Our Mother' and the important role she played in Jesus' life and continues to play in the lives of those in our community and the wider world.

Cross-Curricular Topic:

Our next cross-curricular topic is "**Greece**" and during the first two terms we will be learning about the geography and history of this important country and its people.

At home, you could read Greek Myths and legends together, research interesting facts about Greece/Ancient Greece, or explore the language using online video services.

In Computing, we will be:

- Learning to programme their own open-ended animation in Scratch
- Learning to understand the mathematics of computing

In Physical Education, we will:

- Participate on a **Monday**, where your child will be expected to have **full P.E. kit**.
- Learn about the importance of exercise
- Learn to throw and catch during field games
- Learn about tactics and how to play games against an opponent

In Science, we will be:

- Learning about the importance of healthy eating
- Learning about the functionality of our anatomy
- Developing suitable investigative skills

Year 3 Homework for this Term

Reading

Pupils will continue to change their reading books when necessary based on ongoing assessment. Once a book is finished pupils will complete a short computer based test which in turn will help tailor their next book choices to their particular needs. Parents should sign the learning journal to explain how long their child has read for. We've had a great response to this so far this year and really appreciate your commitment to your child's reading.

Times Tables

Times tables will be set on a Monday and tested the following Friday.

Spellings

Spellings will be set on a Monday and tested the following Friday.

English and Maths

A piece of English or Maths homework will be set each Friday, to be returned no later than the following Wednesday.

Termly

Topic homework, usually open ended and interactive, will be set once a term and work to continue pupil progress during holiday times will be set at the end of each term.

Educational Visits: To ensure learning is as cross-curricular as possible and built on first hand experiences we will be visiting the Ancient Greek exhibition in The British Museum in November.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs. Vassan and Mr. Mackle