

Lydgate Junior School

Curriculum Overview

Year 3 Summer term 1

The theme for this half term is...

What do we know about the ancient Greeks?

English

We will be focussing on Greek myths this half term. The children will read and compare several myths (rewritten for children), including King Midas, Theseus and the Minotaur, Bellerophon and Pegasus, Perseus and Medusa, and parts of The Odyssey. They will then write their own quest myth that includes a mythical creature that they will create.

The grammar focus for this half term is using adverbial phrases to add detail and writing direct speech using inverted commas.

For our book study, we will be reading Toad Attack! by Patrice Lawrence, followed by a selection of poetry. You can help at home by continuing to encourage your child to read widely. There are lots of other myths that they could read or listen to.



Maths

We will be continuing our work on fractions. The children will learn to work out unit and non-unit fractions of shapes and quantities. They will also learn that fractions are numbers and can be placed on a number line. They will practise counting forwards and backwards in tenths. They will use diagrams and models to compare and order fractions and will recognise equivalent fractions. You can help at home by practising quick recall of the 3 and 6 times tables. We will then move on to learning about right angles and horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines.



Science

We will continue our topic about rocks and soils. Through practical investigations, the children will learn that soil is composed of different things and will be able to describe the processes of soil formation. They will then investigate soil permeability.



History

We will begin our work on ancient Greece by placing the time studied on a timeline and looking at how dates are recorded. We will also look at a map of Greece and where some of the city states were located. The children will find out about the ancient Greek gods and goddesses and how the Greeks believed that they controlled the world around them. This links to our work on Greek myths. This topic will continue after half term.

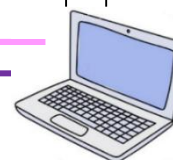


Religious Education

Pupils will learn about the Gospel which tells the story of the life and teaching of Jesus. They will learn about the calling of the first disciples and how Christians today try to follow Jesus' example with their actions. They will learn about the healing of the leper, the Good Samaritan and the importance of charity within the lives of many Christian people.

Other Subjects

Computing – Create stop motion animation using the iPad.
PE – Tennis skills, core strength (Yoga).
Music – Learn songs for performance.
PSHE – Communities.
Spanish – Families, Pets.



RRS

We will be revisiting the UNCRC in our PSHE lessons when thinking about communities. Linked to the Global Goals, the children will be learning about plastic pollution this half term. They will find out more about being a plastic clever school. They will create short animations to show some effects of plastic pollution on the oceans and will suggest ways to help reduce plastic use. We will focus on Articles 12 (respect for children's views), 13 (sharing thoughts freely), 15 (setting up or joining groups), and 17 (access to information).



Design Technology

Following on from last half term, the children will start by designing and creating their own money containers. They will then investigate how air can be used to make things move and will build simple pneumatic systems. They will use these to design and make a moving monster model.



Enrichment Activities

Preparing for a Y3 performance of the musical 'Gold' – more details to follow.

