

**Year 3**  
Autumn 1  
Curriculum Map

**In English**, we be exploring Greek myths. We will design our own mythical creatures and write sentences to describe them. We will look closely at 'Theseus and the Minotaur' before writing our own Greek myth following the structure: adventure – problem – battle – ending. We will plan and write a recount of our Ancient Greece day, focusing on writing in chronological order and using time conjunctions. Towards the end of the half term, we will be writing free verse poetry based on the infamous tale of Medusa.

**In PSHE**, we will be focusing on 'New Beginnings.' We will discuss how we can all contribute to a safe and welcoming learning community and recognise who can help us when we are unsure.

This half term **P.E** will be taught following the Cambridgeshire Sports and Educational Partnership schemes of work for Dance (a unit based on machines) and Outdoor Adventurous Activities (a unit based on cooperation, communication and consideration). Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school every day, to include sensible shoes for running. All earrings must be removed prior to PE, so if your child is unable to do this themselves, please ensure they do not wear earrings on PE days. Our PE days are **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**.



**This half term  
our theme is  
'Gods and  
Mortals'**

**In Geography** we will draw sketch maps and will describe the physical features of Greece. We will explore in detail the Palace of Knossos and will create an advert to persuade tourists to visit there. **In History** we will timeline key events in ancient Greek history, investigate the everyday life of both the rich and poor who lived during that era and research as to how soldiers were prepared and dressed for battle.

**In Science** we will be putting on our archaeological hats and will use scientific enquiry to investigate which materials last longer when buried underground. We will also discuss the nutritional value of a Greek soldier's diet and will research how catapults were used in Greek warfare. Using this knowledge, we will then build a catapult of our own testing it under different conditions. We will also learn about the different types and functions of teeth and conduct investigations on the effects of sugar.

**In Art and Design** we will learn about Greek pottery. We will look at different patterns and use sketching skills to draw in proportion. Building on this, we will then use paper mâché to create a 3D pot of our own based on their designs.

**In RE**, we will be learning about Creation. We will look at what Christians learn from different Creation stories and the Fall.

**In Maths** we start the half term learning about the place value of number. We will be extending our knowledge on comparing and ordering numbers and will be practicing reading and writing numbers in numerals and words. We will be building upon our estimating skills and will use the inverse to check our answers.

In relation to our theme, we will be using positional and directional language to guide a Sprite around a maze just like Theseus finding his way around the labyrinth.

**Reading and Home Learning**

All children need to have their reading book and yellow reading record in school every day.

The reading reward scheme that the children all work towards will be checked on a Monday. Children will need to have read a minimum of 5 times a week at home and their reading diaries signed by an adult. For every week in which they have read 5 times they will be entered into the half termly prize draw!

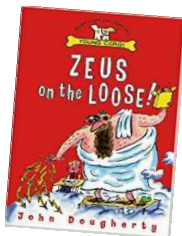
We will visit the library on a Monday.

Home learning is handed out on a Friday. Home learning books are checked on a Thursday.



**Just a reminder that  
Tuesday 17th September at 7:30pm all  
parents are invited to our Parent  
Information Evening.**

Our class book is:



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