

In Literacy the children will be looking at developing writing in a variety of styles and producing longer pieces of work and also reading at length. We will use our new Accelerated Reader Programme to ensure children are reading the correct books according to their understanding and interests. More details to follow. We will continue to work on spelling and grammar in all our work. We will be reading a range of Greek Myths and will be reading with a partner to develop our comprehension skills. Our class text will be Percy Jackson – The Lightning Thief. We will look at different types of poetry – classic and slam poetry and develop our strategies for spelling accurately and well in all our work. We will be looking at playscripts in our drama work and may even invite you to an impromptu Greek Play We will also be starting a class newspaper so watch this space!

In History this term we will be continuing to learn about Ancient Greece and due to popular demand we will finish the topic by having a Greek Day and watching the film adaptation of Percy Jackson – The Lightning Thief (PG).

In Geography we will be finishing looking at modern day Greece and comparing and contrasting it to the United Kingdom then finding out about countries in Eastern Europe. We will be finding out about the Chernobyl disaster and its far reaching effects on the world.

In Spanish – Following from our work on finding out about the country itself we will be continuing to learn how to use basic greetings, ask directions, sing songs and how to count to 20 in Spanish.

In Music Class 3 will be following the Charanga Music school programme, and be looking at 'rap music' and music in the style of the Fresh Prince of Bel Air as well as learning about Greek Myths through song using BBC Music.



We will be taught by Louis from

Cramlington Rockets, who will be developing our rugby skills every Thursday. Every Monday we will be developing our gymnastics and building upon our core strength and flexibility with a little meditation built in! We will also take part in our weekly Forest Schools Sessions. Wednesday lunchtime football training sessions will continue with extra training sessions before a match wherever possible. Once the weather gets a little better I hope I hope to start a running club but this will depend on whether access to the field is limited now that our MUGA has been given the go-ahead.

Technology – Textiles. We will be using the skill of Mrs Chisholm to work in fabric and produce something lovely for Mothering Sunday.

Numeracy

Number and place value

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Measurement - Measuring (length), perimeter/ area

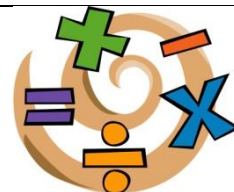
Geometry - properties of shape and angles

Problem solving, reasoning and algebra

Number - Decimals, percentages and their equivalence to fractions

Statistics - Ratio and proportion

We will also be working on developing our mathematical brains, putting what we have learnt into real life contexts and working at speed during our mental arithmetic lessons.



In Science we are looking at the topic of Light. How the Earth, Moon and seasons affect light as well as formulating investigations to prove theories. We will also be taking on the role of lighting technicians in a mini topic to help us write up and hypothesise our investigations. We will also be working on revising key scientific concepts to develop our readiness for Secondary School. We will have lots of fun during **British Science Week 8th March** – **Theme – Exploration and Discovery!**

In Art and Design we will be looking at Greek art and creating our own clay work in the style of a Greek urn.

We will also have a resident artist who will work with the children on self portraits as a way to promote a positive self image.



In R.E the children will learning about the different Christian Communities and also the festivals after Christmas and towards Easter.

In our PSHE lessons we will be continuing



to look at people who inspire us and motivate us to do well. We will be working further on our Unicef Rights Respecting Schools Award and Children's Charter. We will also be learning about the social and emotional impact of social media and the internet.



In Computing we will be using the internet as a research tool. We will use our laptops as a publishing and design tool. We will be learning about the importance of being safe and responsible online. We will also develop our work on Ozobots, Scratch, Minecraft and Hour of Code

Class 3 Topic Letter

Spring Term 2 2018

Please note that on Monday afternoons all children will take part in Forest School Activities on the school field.

P.E kit is needed in school on Mondays and Thursdays. In the interest of space in the Class 3 cloakroom please could PE kit be only brought in on these days.

Homework will continue to be reading every night, half termly Reading Challenge, Spellings of key lists (in homework books) will need to be continually practised. There will also be a Grammar or Reading Comprehension activity. Maths is generally set on Active Learn but some parents have alerted me that this is quite 'glitchy' so I will be reviewing this and paper homework or work set on School 360 may need to replace this. If this happens your child will be asked to write full details in their planner (a key communication tool both at our school and at Secondary School).

Year 6 children will continue to be set more personalised homework which is set to help them either revise key topics or revise something they have found hard so that they are able to consolidate their learning.

Please note I run a Homework Club every Friday lunchtime for those who do not have access to the internet. The children are also able to access this on the days where I do not run a club outside, as we follow the rule Click and Be Safe.

I look forward to seeing you at our planned events in school. Please note our Greek Day is Tuesday 27th March. We hope to hold an impromptu Greek play at 2.30 on this day.

Kind Regards,

Belinda Athey.



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