

### Owl Class

Welcome back!

Our learning theme for this half term is...

#### **It's all Greek to me!**

Most of our learning will be linked to our main theme, although some subjects i.e. Maths, will continue to be taught separately.

In English, our focus will be on narrative writing. We will explore the Ancient Greek myth *Theseus and the Minotaur* to develop understanding of character, setting, and plot, planning, writing, and editing our own myths with strong descriptive language.

Children will also develop non-fiction skills by writing a biography of their favourite Ancient Greek, learning to research, organise events chronologically, and write clearly in a formal style.

In Maths, pupils will develop confidence and accuracy in multiplication and division, including multiplying numbers up to four digits and dividing with remainders. They will also work with fractions, learning how to find fractions of amounts and use fractions as operators. Later in the term, children will extend their understanding of decimals, including thousandths, equivalent fractions and decimals, and ordering and comparing decimal numbers.

### Links to Prior Learning

This topic builds on pupils' previous learning about Ancient Egypt and Ancient Rome. Children will compare Ancient Greece with earlier civilisations, exploring similarities and differences in beliefs, daily life, leadership, and lasting achievements, helping them deepen their understanding of how ancient societies shaped the modern world.



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During science, we will learn about Ancient Greek ideas of Earth and space, exploring early beliefs about the universe, day and night, and how the Sun was used to tell the time.

We will research Ancient Greece in history, learning about daily life, the impact of geography, differences between Athens and Sparta, and how Greek culture still influences life today.

For DT, we will plan and prepare a simple Greek dish, focusing on kitchen hygiene, safety, and presenting food attractively.

### Reminders:

Please can your child bring their reading book to school every day. We will spend a little time reading on most days and the pupils will be able to change their books when needed.

PE will be on Thursdays and Fridays. On Thursdays we will be focussing on fitness and on Fridays we will be learning to play handball.

As part of our healthy eating approach, we do not allow squash or flavoured water in school, so please ensure your child has only water in their bottle. If your child would like a snack at break times we ask that you send them to school with fresh fruit or vegetables to promote a healthy diet.

### How to support your child at home:

Working in partnership is important to us and makes such a difference to your child's progress. We would like to make sure that all children are completing their 'home learning'.

- Reading each day - recording their reading activity in their reading journal.
- Practise your current set of spellings and or the statutory spellings.
- Practise times tables frequently - focus on any your child struggles with. You can use Timetable Rock Stars or Hit the Button for this. You can also use any other methods your child enjoys.

### Dates for your diary:

Safer Internet Day – 11<sup>th</sup> February

End of half term – 13<sup>th</sup> February