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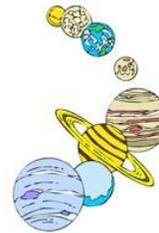


In the first half of the term we will be exploring Ancient Greek Myths through focusing on our key text 'The Journey of Odysseus'. Through taking on the role of characters, we will write letters recounting key events in the story. Our focus will then change to writing narratives where children will have the opportunity to write their own chapters and versions of the myth. In the second half of term, we will look at writing poetry, explanation and persuasive texts through our science learning on our Space topic. Every week, we will focus on an element of SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and will practise handwriting on a daily basis.

Science

Our science topic will continue with the theme of 'Ancient Skies'. We will learn about the shapes and relative sizes of the Earth, Sun and Moon. Using models, we will learn how the three bodies move relative to each other and how these movements relate to night and day.

In order to link our Science to Maths, we will also be making observations, recognising patterns and presenting our data in graphs.



Computing

This half term the class will start by looking at internet safety to ensure all pupils understand the importance of adhering to rules and guidelines when using devices for their own protection. We will be visiting the City Learning Centre in Mornington Crescent to participate in two computing days. During the first, we will be developing our programming understanding using the Scratch programme where we will make a simple game. For the second, we will learn to programme small robotics and recognise and debug errors.



Maths

This term we will begin by exploring number and place value. We will develop different written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and solve problems applying these methods. We will also be converting between different units of measure and investigating the properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes. To support your child at home, you could encourage them to learn their times tables, discuss methods when completing maths homework and prompt them to explore number within a real life context.



Topic



Our theme this term is 'Ancient Skies'. Our humanities focus will be history and the children will use a range of sources and artefacts to find out about the past. The children will move on to consider the contribution made by Ancient Greek scholars to our knowledge and understanding of the world, and to appreciate their impact on modern day democracy and society. Our exciting topic will culminate in an immersion day where children will have the opportunity to become Ancient Greeks for the day.

Art and Design & Technology



In our first week at school we looked at Greek temples and discussed the purpose and common features of them. We decorated our classroom by painting Ionic, Doric and Corinthian columns. To support our investigations into Greek architecture in our topic lessons, children will be asked to create their own Greek temples at home. More information will follow on a separate letter. In the second half of the term, our focus will move to art where we will experiment with different painting techniques to create our own skies and galaxies.