



Weston Mill Community Primary Academy

Year 4 Autumn Term 3 Curriculum Newsletter

This half term our learning journey will explore a History based theme related to the Ancient Greeks. In the unit of learning we will: compare the people of Sparta and Athens; explore significant figures from Ancient Greece – Alexander the Great, Archimedes, Aristotle, Pythagoras; identify specific achievements of the Ancient Greeks; explore the history of the Olympics and understand how the Greeks influenced the western world. Our Big Question is: What legacy did the Ancient Greeks leave behind on the Western World? Our Destination will be: To create a tour guide to Ancient Greece.

What we will be learning:

Science:

We will learn about the science of sound. In the unit we will: identify how sounds are made; recognise that vibrations from sounds, travel through a medium to the ear; find patterns in the pitch and volume of a sound and how that links to vibrations; To carry out an experiment which recognises that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases. We will also use Chromebooks to create a VLOG style record of our learning.

Art:

Our art theme is based around pottery and clay work. We will investigate and study classical Greek designs of pots, bowls and urns. Make studies of their styles and decorations and use them to design and make our own version of a utilitarian piece of clay work.

Maths: We will continue to work and develop calculation, reasoning and problem solving skills across the curriculum and work extensively with all four operations including calculating and problem solving with them. Our units of work continue to consolidate and extend all written calculations. New more formal and complex algorithms for written division and written multiplication in their standard short forms.

In addition to our ongoing work around number fluency, we are striving to commit all of the multiplication facts to memory before the summer term. Please support and encourage this, whether verbally, written practice or using Times Table Rockstars online.

English: We will continue to develop skills needed to read and write for a range of audiences and purposes. Independent skills will be a focus and the genres we will cover include, Myths and information texts, as well as continuing to focus narrative for class reading sessions.

We have access to a new online spelling support programme: Spelling Shed. Please continue to support engagement with it at home.

E-Safety: Online safety will continue with a focus on Online Bullying, discussing and sharing the most effective ways to tackle any unpleasant situations which may occur..

PE: Outdoors: Ball skills for Basketball, football and hockey will be covered. Indoors: dance units will take place.

RE: We will be studying the Hindu religion and how they view god in the belief system.

PSHE: This term we will focus on how we treat others with respect. We will continue to discuss this in terms of our core British Values. The unit will cover our feelings and how we manage them.

Things to do	Things to read	Things to watch
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Try to view as many different types of images, pictures, drawings and paintings of life in Ancient Greece..• Use google maps or an atlas to investigate the area covered by Greece both now and then.• Play TTRS at home!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Try to see some more of the content on the Mythweb site:• www.mythweb.com• We have some to borrow in our school library.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are literally hundreds of interesting and informative videos on Youtube if you search Greek Myths for kids.• LumiWarm UK V20 16x9 VO1 (youtube.com) documentary

Reminders

- PE lessons are on a Monday and Tuesday (both in the afternoon). Children should wear their PE kits to school. As the weather invariably changes, black or blue jogging bottoms are fine to wear.
- Homework will be sent home on a Friday to be returned the following Thursday.