

Half Term Curriculum Overview



Year 3 - Spring 1 - 2026



English

In English lessons, we will learn about Greek Myths and legends using the text 'Theseus and the Minotaur' and 'King Midas and The Golden Touch.' Pupils will learn what 'myths' are and their origins. They will be encouraged to use language which helps to reveal their characters by applying adverbs and adjectival phrases. Children will be engaging in research to create their own non-chronological report focused on a Greek god of their choice. They will explore various aspects of the god's mythology, including their powers, personality traits, symbols, and significant stories or events associated with them. Through this project, pupils will develop skills in gathering information, organising their findings, and presenting their knowledge in a well-structured, informative report.

Computing

Pupils will continue to learn how to use the internet safely. Pupils will become movie-makers, using a range of equipment such as flip-cams and tablet computers to film drama performances. They will have the opportunity to experiment with editing the input (sounds and images) to accomplish the final goal of their own digitalised play.

Music

Ballads

To know that a ballad tells a story through song. To know that lyrics are the words of a song. To know that in a ballad, a 'stanza' is a verse.

Topic – Ancient Greeks

History – We will learn about the Ancient Greeks, their way of life including, jobs, houses, food and clothes. We will explore the Olympic Games legacy and its impact on the modern world.

Art & D&T – We will use our drawing, printing and making skills to create an Ancient Greek vase and decorate it with a symmetrical pattern to depict Ancient Greek way of life.

RE – This half term we will look at the big question 'How do we know?' Pupils think about *what is true and what is false*. They learn new words like *truth, belief, perception, and knowledge*. They explore how their ideas about truth in religion and worldviews come from their families and communities, notice that different families may teach different things, and reflect on how their own beliefs have been shaped.

PSHE - As part of the Science and PSHE curriculums this half term, pupils will focus on health and well-being. This will include SRE. They will: Explore the differences and similarities between males and females; Name male and female body parts using agreed words. Understand personal space and talk about ways of dealing with unwanted touch; Understand that all families are different and have different family members.

Mathematics

In Maths lessons this term, we will include consolidation lessons targeted at multiplication and division. Pupils will continue to practice their mental recall of multiplication tables when they are calculating mathematical statements in order to improve fluency. Pupils will develop efficient mental methods, for example, using commutativity and associativity to derive related facts. They will also solve word problems in contexts, deciding which operations to use and why. These include measuring and scaling contexts and correspondence problems in which objects are connected to other objects.

Money – Children will be learning about money. They will be practically comparing different coins through counting in pounds and pence. Pupils will be converting pence and pounds, adding and subtracting different amounts of money and learn how to give change. They will experience a life simulation of going to a 'shop' and learn what amounts to give and how to check for the right change.

P.E.

In PE this term, we will concentrate on co-operative and competitive games to further develop ball skills, such as signalling for the ball, dribbling, passing and receiving with feet. We will also focus on revision of skipping skills.

Homework

Project: As described in the Topic homework letter.

Spellings: Children should be practising their spelling regularly, with a spelling test on Mondays.

Reading: To be practised regularly, 10 minutes every day.

Mathematics: Practise times tables, division facts & build fluency in addition/subtraction. Maths Scrapbook Activity. **TT Rockstars login will be introduced**