

Mackintosh Classes (Year 3 & 4)

Summer 1 2025

The Ancient Greeks

Intent

Our focus this term is on the lives and legacy of the Ancient Greeks. We will learn about some of the aspects of life in Ancient Greek times that still influence our lives today, such as; architecture, science and maths, religion, sports (Olympics) and city states and democracy. We will also discuss and compare the lives of the rich and poor in these times.

We will build on previous knowledge of timelines to place the ancient Greek period in historical context and will consider how ancient civilisations impacted on our lives now and potentially in the future.



Community	British Values	Outdoor/Environmental	PSHCE
As community members, we will think about how we contribute to a team and be part of a whole school community (making links to the Olympics and being part of a sporting team)	As British citizens, we will explore the value of democracy and consider how this was enacted in Ancient Greek times, comparing this to now.	We will enjoy using the outdoors as we celebrate and experience a variety of sports and outdoor activities.	As happy, healthy individuals, we will continue to work on team work and will also consider the value of sportsmanship and fairness within sports.

We are also studying...

Music: Blackbird	RE: Spirituality	Computing: Branching Databases	French: Clothing	PE: Athletics
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Areas of Learning

As historians, we will learn about the lives of the Ancient Greeks and consider the impact that their inventions and philosophy still have on our world today.

As geographers, we will use atlases and maps to locate countries and will consider how the climate is different to that of the UK (this will be more of a focus next half term).

As artists, we will learn about some of the artistic techniques used during Ancient Greek times, specifically looking at Ancient Greek vessels and the intricate art work they used. We will also look at the amazing architecture and design of buildings that still exist today.

As scientists we will learn about adaptation and classification; how animals are grouped (relating to Aristotle's work about animals), and also about how evolution has helped animals to be adapted to live in specific environments.

Key learning this term

English

Key Texts:

- Fiction – Theseus and the Minotaur
- Selection of Greek Myths and also a range of non fiction texts about Ancient Greeks
- reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes
- discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination
- drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence
- identifying main ideas drawn from more than 1 paragraph and summarising these
- identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning

Maths

Fractions

- recognise and show, using diagrams, equivalent fractions with small denominators
- add and subtract fractions with the same denominator within one whole [for example, $\frac{5}{7} + \frac{1}{7} = \frac{6}{7}$]
- compare and order unit fractions, and fractions with the same denominators
- solve problems that involve all of the above

Mass & Capacity

- measure, compare, add and subtract: lengths (m/cm/mm); mass (kg/g); volume/capacity (l/ml)
- convert between different units of measure [for example, kilometre to metre; hour to minute]

Important Information

- PE – children should come to school wearing their PE kits on PE days this term.
- All of Year 4 will go swimming on Mondays.
- All of Year 3 will do PE and/or Forest School on Mondays.

Other PE days:

- M1 – Wednesday
- M2 & M3 – Thursday

Sticky Knowledge

Parents/Carers can help children by discussing these essential facts and skills with their children.

Science

- Use classification keys to group, identify and name living things
- Know how changes to an environment could endanger living things

History

- Know some of the main characteristics of the Athenians and the Spartans
- Know about the influence the gods had on Ancient Greece
- Know at least five sports from the Ancient Greek Olympics

Geography

- Know the names of and locate at least eight European countries
- Know the names of four countries from the southern and four from the northern hemisphere
- Know the names of and locate at least eight major capital cities across the world

Key Vocabulary

Nouns	Verbs	Adjectives	Specific
wrestling athlete chariot javelin wreath olympics medal stadium torch national anthem	spectate compete sprint stretch participate excel coach throw practice judge	tired proud apprehensive tense exhilarated motivated determined exhausted pleased pressured agile impressive	pankration amphitheatre Olympia Zeus Paralympics