

## Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2018



This term our theme is 'Standing on the Shoulders of Giants'. As Historians, the children will be studying the ancient Greeks. Children will have the opportunity to find out more about daily life in ancient Greece, the battle of Marathon, their religious beliefs and about the ancient Olympics. Children will also compare life in ancient Greece with life in England and discuss the similarities and differences between them. Later on in the term, we will be having a 'Greek' day where children will experience valuable learning opportunities through role play, practical activities and interaction with artefacts. The hall becomes the Agora in Athens and children will become traders and craftsmen.

As Artists, we will be making Greek masks. These masks will then be used during literacy to perform various Greek myths and legends that the children will have written. Children will have the opportunity to work on projects individually and as part of a group.

As well as performing Greek myths, children will also work collaboratively to create an information text about The Ancient Greeks. Each group will decide on what they will research, how they will lay out their work and what information to include.

As Design Technologists, we will be looking at using levers and linkages to make puppets which will be used to depict a Greek myth. During these sessions, children will develop an understanding of how levers and linkages work and will apply this understanding to their own work.

In Geography, we will be locating Greece, its surrounding countries and other physical features on a variety of different maps and then considering how these features may have affected life in ancient Greece. We will also be looking at Greece today and why it is such a popular tourist destination.

As Scientists, we will be investigating forces and magnets. Throughout this topic, children will apply their knowledge of the world around them to help them make predictions and plan fair tests. Children will investigate the factors that affect friction as well as magnet strength.