

The Odyssey

For our first topic in Year Five, we will be looking at Ancient Greece. This will be a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world. This overview is a brief introduction to some of the aspects of Greek life we will be looking at.

Language: Lots of the words we use come from ancient Greece, for example the suffix –ology. We will be looking at the Greek alphabet and the origins of many of our words – we will find out what “ology” means!

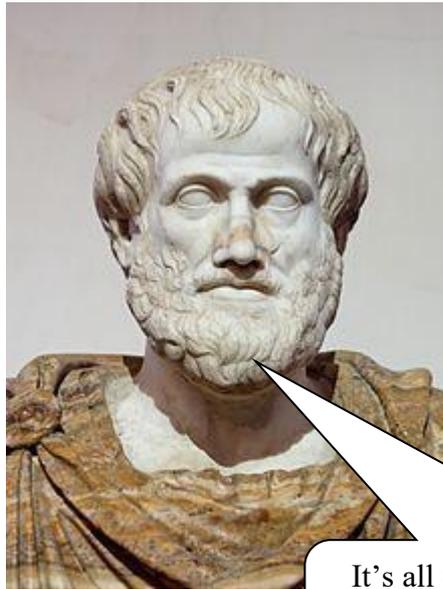
Greek life:

By looking at Greek pots, we shall learn about Greek life: what they liked to do, what they ate and drank and how they relaxed.

We shall also look at Greece as a country, focussing on what they grew, traded and exported to other countries, as well as its location in Europe and the world.

Ancient Greece – has to include: Olympic Games!

We will be looking at the origins and how the first games were played. We will compare the ancient and modern Olympic games. We may even hold our own mini Olympic Games – but all athletes will be fully clothed!



Thinkers and philosophers:

We will be finding out how ancient Greek scholars such as Socrates, Pythagoras, Plato, Hippocrates and Archimedes have contributed to our knowledge and understanding of the world. Lots of philosophical discussions!

It's all Greek to me – but in Year Five it will all make sense soon!

Maths: Obviously, we shall be looking at angles – linking to the Greek scholar Pythagoras and how we measure and draw them accurately using a protractor.

For this half term, we will look at place value of numbers up to 1,000,000 which will then lead onto negative numbers. We shall also practise our rounding skills, rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10,000 and 100,000.

The Odyssey: Our Reading work will focus on lots of Greek stories. For example, we will read *The Odyssey*. This epic legend tells the story of Odysseus, who was a heroic Greek king of Ithaca. The tale includes lots of wonderful adventures, strange creatures and exciting battles.

Due to the nature of our hook day, the children will NOT need a Greek costume as they may have done in previous years. Thank you!

Things and dates to remember:

Thursday 3rd September: Back to school

Monday 7th September: Our Greek hook day!

Friday 23rd October: End of half term

In an ideal world...

Monday 28th September: Harvest Festival at church

Monday 5th/ Wednesday 7th October: Parent consultations