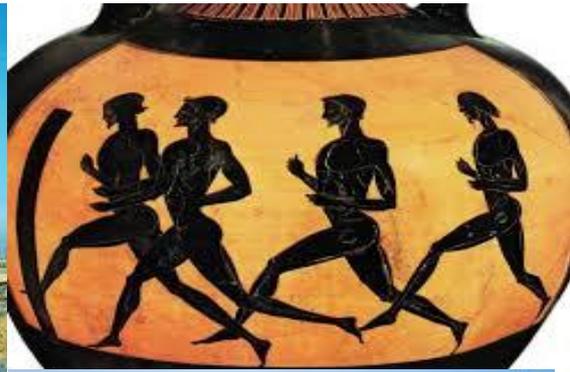


# Class Three

## Curriculum Overview



Summer Term  
(To June 7<sup>th</sup>)

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all looking forward to the Easter break and that the children manage to get a well-deserved rest. The next half-term will bring a number of important events for Class Three, including Bikeability for the Year 5's and the end of Key Stage 2 Assessments for the Year 6's. The children have all been working really hard in preparation for these tests and once these are over, the last few months will fly by, especially with preparations for the summer show.

Below is a summary of what we will be doing in Class Three next half-term. If you have any questions, then please feel free to drop in and see me.

Mr Wedick

# Ancient Greece

## The Curriculum

Our topic next half term is a History topic about Ancient Greece. We will be learning about the way that the ancient Greeks lived, creating one of the world's first important civilisations. The children will discover that many of the things we have today, such as the alphabet, the theatre and the Olympic Games, were all started by the ancient Greeks. Towards the end of our unit, we will be holding a special Greek day, where the children will wear traditional clothing and enjoy a Greek feast – More information on this will follow in the coming weeks.

### English

During our English sessions, Class 3 will initially be looking at different types of reports. We will practise the art of summarising and note-taking, whilst we research and find out more about the different areas of Ancient Greek life. This will then enable us to create our own reports and articles, filled with information about the way that people lived in Ancient Greece.

We then move into writing our own Greek inspired plays, setting the action in this fascinating period of history. These will then form part of the entertainment when we hold our 'Greek Day' later in the term. Finally, we will create our own Greek inspired poems, which we will perform in class.

We will continue to have a daily spelling lesson, using the 'No Nonsense' spelling programme to boost our ability to recognise spelling patterns, add new words to our vocabulary and to spell trickier or unfamiliar words. The weekly spellings will be a continuation of what we have been learning in class and should be reinforced by being learnt and practised at home.

### Guided Reading

We will also have daily guided reading sessions, during which the children will take part in a number of different activities. As we move closer towards May, the Year 6's will step up their preparation for their SATS, working through practice papers and answering comprehension questions.

### Maths

In Mathematics, we will continue to develop our written methods for the four operations— addition, subtraction, multiplication and division – through various problem-solving activities in class, including practice SATS questions for the Year 6 children.

We will also continue to develop our mental mathematics and our reasoning skills, working on our times tables and quick solving strategies in class.

Other topics will include angles, investigating quadrilaterals and area and perimeter of regular and irregular shapes.

## Science and Design Technology

In Science we will be focusing on 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. We will start by looking at the work that naturalists and animal behaviourists carry out and discussing why it is important. We will then look at the ways in which plants and animals can be categorised and classified, creating classification keys to identify a selection of animals native to Greece. The children will then use their expertise to research and create their own classification keys for a selection of living things from their own habitat within The New Forest. This will also link in with our Forest School sessions with Mrs Stride, as we continue to work towards the completion of our John Muir Award.

In Design Technology, we will be making a number of Greek delicacies to enjoy during our Greek Feast. We will work on our chopping skills and will think about how to prepare food hygienically and safely. We will also need to weigh out ingredients and will use a number of different kitchen appliances and equipment during the preparation of our non-cooked items. More information on our food technology sessions will be sent out in the coming weeks.

## PE

We will continue to use the REAL PE scheme in Class, with a focus on developing our personal skills, as we set targets for track and field events on the common and then try to beat our own personal bests during our own Ancient Greek Olympics. During

our sessions on Friday, we will be developing our fielding and striking skills, as we prepare for The Jim Biddle Shield after half-term

## RE

The main focus of our RE lessons will revolve around the concept of ritual and rites of passage, as we take another look at the journeys that people go through as part of Sikhism. As well as gaining a deeper understanding of what it means to be a Sikh, we will also draw comparisons with Christianity and think deeply about what it means to be a follower of these religions.

## P4C (Philosophy For Children) and PSHE

Our topic in our philosophical enquiries and our PSHE sessions this half term will be centred on the idea of 'democracy.' We will consider the value of people having a say in how they want things to be done, thinking about the concept of fair and unfair, as we find out more about the early Greek government system. We will then think about the way we decide our own laws in 2019 and compare this to other countries around the world.

## Useful Websites

### Maths

<http://www.mathletics.co.uk/> - This is an award winning website which allows your child to log in and play maths games against different children from around the world. There are hundreds of different maths activities and problem solving areas for your child to work on, where they can score points and win virtual prizes and certificates. Your child should already have their own log in, which will then enable them to use mathletics at school and at home.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/> - The BBC has a fantastic website called Bitesize, which breaks down different areas of mathematical understanding into small chunks, including fun games and activities and short quizzes. We sometimes use this learning tool in class, so your child should be familiar how to navigate around the site.

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/> - This is a superb website that has a huge range of games, puzzles and maths questions for your child to work on at home. The website is even broken down into different mathematical areas, so if there is a particular area of maths that your child needs more work on, for instance fractions, then there are lots of ways in which they can practise at home. The site also has a number of times table tests that your child can work on.

## English

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/> - This is the English part of the BBC's free Bitesize resources. The site contains helpful revision sections on different strands of English and also has lots of fun games, activities and quizzes.

<http://www.morewords.com/> - This is a really useful website for working on spellings and spelling patterns with your child. There are also links to lots of word games that your child can play at home, which will no doubt help to improve their spelling accuracy.

<http://www.wordtamer.co.uk/> - A really useful website if your child is thinking of writing a story at home and is stuck for ideas or is reluctant to get started. The site takes you through a deserted fairground, where you can work on different elements of story writing e.g. developing characters, describing settings etc and ultimately, write a story of your own.

## Science

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/> - This is the Science part of the BBC's free Bitesize resources. The site contains helpful revision sections on different scientific areas and also has lots of fun games, activities and quizzes.

## Computing

<https://scratch.mit.edu/parents/> - This site contains useful information for parents about the Scratch programming language and is also where you can download the software (for free!) to use at home.