

Year 3 Newsletter Spring 2

Welcome back. We hope that you have had a great break. We are so excited to start this half term and many new topics. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to the Class Teacher or Teaching Assistant as we are here to help in any way we can.

LITERACY

Our theme this half term is 'Greek Myths' by Geraldine McCaughrean and Emma Chichester Clark. We will delve into various Greek myths and learn about the Ancient Greeks.

We will 'zoom in' on parts of different myths to help to write our own myths. We will aim to focus on using paragraphs and build contrasting characters in our stories. To achieve this we will write setting and character descriptions.

Our non-fiction unit will be based around producing non-chronological report. We will create a fact file of a mythical creature or character from there we will produce a non-chronological report.

Remember, you can help your child with their learning by discussing what they have studied during the day's lesson.

Homework for English will be set weekly. The children will be expected to learn their spellings and to complete a reading comprehension each week. Please encourage your child to read their Accelerated Reader book for at least 20 minutes a day, we ask that you sign the reading record at the end of each week to confirm that your child has read for 20 minutes each night. The reading record and their Accelerated Reader book should be brought to school each day.

Key vocabulary: character, persuasion, direct speech, adverbs, adjectives, prepositions.

Mathematics

Children will be working on groups of objectives linked to the following strands of Maths throughout the rest of this year:

- Multiplication and Division
- Money
- Fractions
- Measurement
- Geometry (Shape and Space)
- Statistics (Data Handling)

This half term, pupils in Year 3 will complete the multiplication and division topic. There will continue to be a big focus on multiplication and division facts. We will then begin to learn about money.

To support them with their learning, children should be using Mathletics online on a weekly basis. If your child does not have access to the internet at home, please let us know and we can provide paper copies of Mathletics homework. You can help your child by practising their 3s, 4s and 8s with them at home: children have logins to purplemash which they can access online or via the app and you could also help them learn their multiplication facts using page 120 of their planner. By the end of Year 3, children should know the multiplication and division facts for the 2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, 4s and 8s up to 12x.

Key vocabulary: Multiplication, equal groups, lots of, division, sharing, grouping, money



SCIENCE

This half term, Year 3 will identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers. We will also explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant. We will investigate the way in which water is transported within plants and explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.

Key Vocabulary:

- capillary
- flower
- leaves
- nutrients





Other Curriculum Areas

PE - Rugby

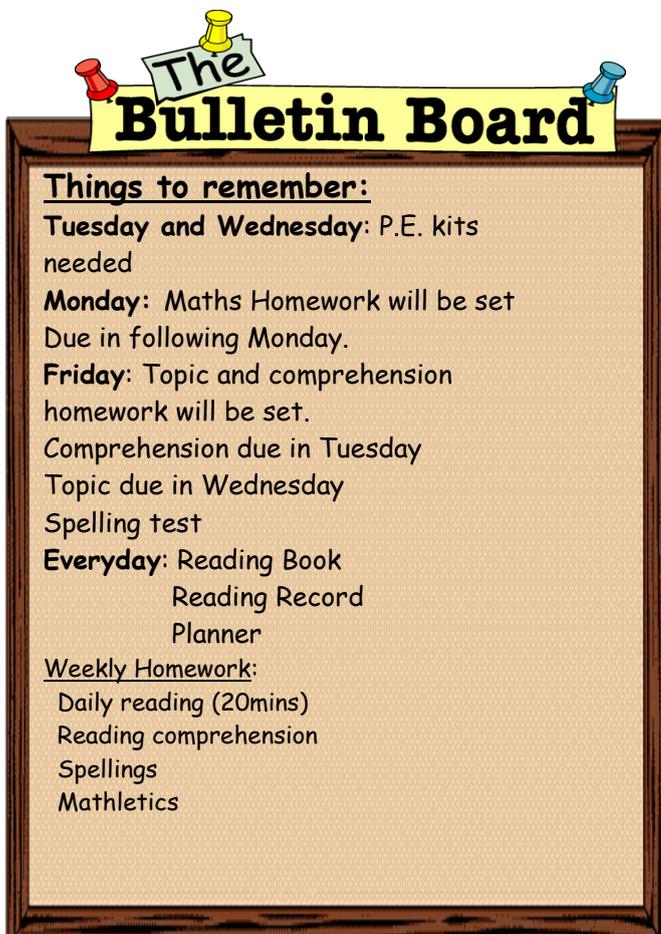
RE- Judaism, what does it mean to be a Jew?

PSHE- Honesty, respect, empathy, responsibility, resolving conflicts.

Music - Charanga and Recorders

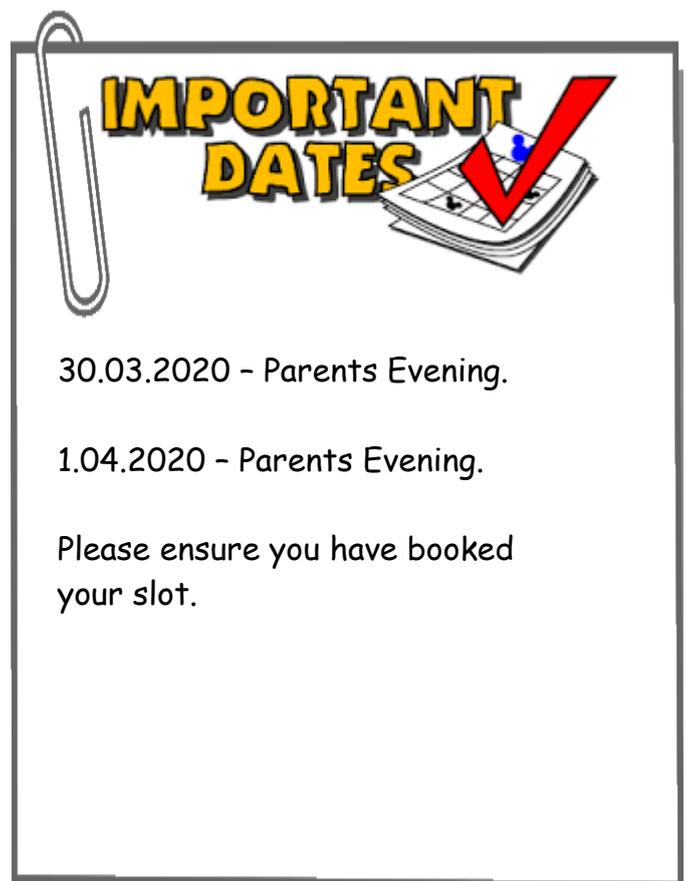
History - Ancient Greeks and their achievements

Geography - Look at the location of Greece on maps and atlases. We will also look at some of the human and physical features of Greece.



The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:
Tuesday and Wednesday: P.E. kits needed
Monday: Maths Homework will be set
Due in following Monday.
Friday: Topic and comprehension homework will be set.
Comprehension due in Tuesday
Topic due in Wednesday
Spelling test
Everyday: Reading Book
Reading Record
Planner
Weekly Homework:
Daily reading (20mins)
Reading comprehension
Spellings
Mathletics



IMPORTANT DATES

30.03.2020 - Parents Evening.
1.04.2020 - Parents Evening.

Please ensure you have booked your slot.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division>

<http://www.funenglishgames.com/writinggames/story.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DkXHi-udxg&safe=true>





The Groovy Greeks

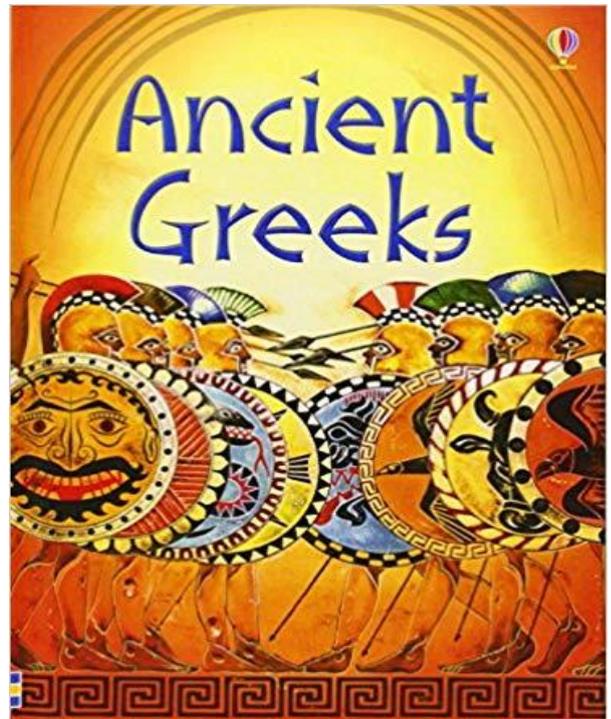
This half term we are going to be studying one of the oldest and most influential ancient civilisations in the western world



The Ancient Greeks

We are going to be learning about the achievements of Ancient Greece, and its influence on the western world such as the introduction of democracy, the first Olympics as well as the impact ancient Greeks had on mathematics, philosophy and the arts.

We are also going to be studying Greek life, investigating what life was like back then including where they came from, the gods and goddesses of ancient Greece and their myths and legends.



Plants

We are going to describe the functions of the different parts of a flowering plant. We will investigate and observe over time what plants need for survival. We will set up and carry out an experiment to find out how water is transported within plants.

We will explore the life cycle of a plant by looking closely at pollination, seed formation and the different ways plants disperse their seeds.

Computing

We are going to be using Purple Mash to learn how to type on a computer keyboard. We will also learn about communication through email.