Gorringe Park Primary School

Dear Families,

The best learning takes place when the context is meaningful and made real to the child's own life. We hope that by sharing our aims, you and your family will support your child's learning in any way you can. If you have any skill, resources or knowledge that you can contribute and share with us at school, please see your child's class teacher.

Maths

This half term, we will continue to explore decimals and percentages. We will work on understanding how to accurately add and subtract decimals with different place values, as well as identify equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also learn how to calculate the perimeter of rectilinear shapes and the area of rectangles and compound shapes.

English

In English, we will be diving into Greek Mythology, by exploring The Odyssey by Gillian Cross. We will be writing narratives and a soliloquy about the wild adventure Odyssey and his men went on. We will use a range of sentence structures and punctuation to build suspense in our writing.

RE

In RE, we will be exploring the term faith and what it means. We will examine the story of Abraham and how faith played a vital role. We will also explore the life of Malala Yousafzai and how key events in her life have influenced the person she is today.

Title

Year 5 Summer 1

Ground-Breaking Greeks

PE

During this half term, we will be learning netball skills such as passing and receiving balls, attacking, defending and shooting. We will be showcasing the skills we have learnt in an end of term netball match!

Science

In Science this half term, we will be looking at "Living Things and their Habitats". We will be researching and presenting information on the life cycles of mammals, birds, amphibians and insects. We will also be investigating the process of reproduction and gestation periods in some animals.

History

In History, we will explore the world of Ancient Greece and expand our knowledge of the ancient worlds. We will be comparing the roles of men and women and the differences in social hierarchy, as well as the impact the Greeks had on modern day maths, philosophy and medicine.

Art

In Art, we will explore artists, who have used mixed media in their art pieces. We will be learning different ways to use mixed media such as; paper making, paper collage, fabric crumbing and photo collage.

Music

In Music, we will be singing and appraising various Motown songs. We will be exploring the style indicators and the structure as well as using instruments to play along.

Ground breaking Greeks

In the Ground-Breaking Greeks project, your child will learn about different periods of Greek history, exploring the earliest civilisations, the devastation of the Dark Age and the breakthroughs and developments of the Archaic and Classical periods. They will understand how the geography of Greece affected the development of city states and explore Athens, learning about the structure of the government and society. They will get to know some of the most significant Athenians and understand why Greek art, culture, architecture, philosophy, medicine and mathematics were so significant. Your child will learn about the leadership of Alexander the Great and discover how ancient Greece became part of the Roman Empire after the Hellenistic period. They will explore how the Romans respected and developed Greek ideas, making them their own and spreading them throughout the Roman Empire. To end the project, your child will decide which was the ancient Greeks' greatest idea, and explore how the legacy of ancient Greece affects their lives today.

Help your child prepare for their project

To help your child prepare for their topic, try out a few of the following activities:

- Read a book containing Greek myths. Choose your favourite myth and retell the story to a family member. Afterwards, illustrate your favourite scene from the story. Write a description beneath your picture to explain what is happening.
- The achievements of the ancient Greeks influenced the wider world in many fields, such as medicine, education, democracy and philosophy. Find out about the achievements of a famous ancient Greek person who interests you, such as Plato, Socrates, Hippocrates or Alexander the Great. Record your findings in a few short paragraphs.
- Find out about the Minoan or Mycenaean civilisation. Create an information poster or non-chronological report to record your findings. Include pictures and images of artefacts if you can. Once complete, share it with a family member.