

Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn 2 2025

During this half term, we will be learning about Myths and Legends with a focus on Ancient Greece. We will read stories based on Greek gods and goddesses and find out where Greece is located in the world.

To inspire our curious minds, we held **Immersion Day on Friday 7th November.**

Some people dressed like an Ancient Greek. Children took part in Olympic sports activities, made medicines like the Ancient Greeks, acted out Greek Myths, learned about Ancient Greek clothing and practiced basic sewing skills.



Dates for your diary:

Fri 7th Nov – Ancient Greek Immersion Day
Tues 2nd Dec– Walnut British Museum Trip
Wed 3rd Dec–Olive British Museum Trip
Thur 4th Dec– Chestnut British Museum Trip
Fri 5th Dec- Hazel British Museum Trip
Wed 10th Dec – Winter Fair
Wed 17th Dec (2:30-3:30pm) – Year 3 Winter Performance

We share photos from the Immersion Day, the trips and lessons on our school blog.

bannockburnprimaryschool.blogspot.com

Also accessible from the school website
www.bannockburnprimaryschool.com

ENGLISH

What we will do:

- Read the stories of 'Perseus and Medusa' and 'Theseus and the Minotaur' and use role play and story mapping to deepen our understanding of the text.
- Learn how to describe a character using adjectives, alliteration and adverbials of manner.

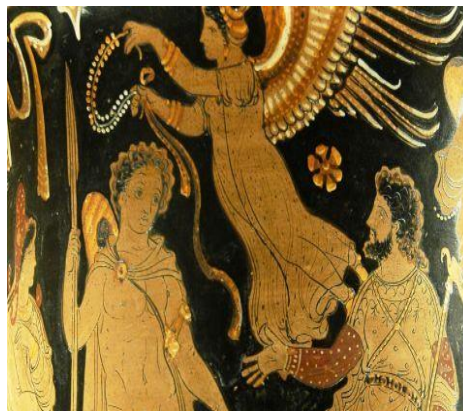
MATHS

What we will do:

- Time- 12 hour and 24 hour (digital and analogue)
- Continue to learn the times tables.
- Learn how to collect information from tables and timetables (linked to time)
- Further our knowledge of subtraction, including three digit numbers and exchanging.

You could support by:

- Visit the local library to discover more myths and legends.
- Use the internet to research interesting facts about Ancient Greece.
- Write a play of your own and act it out.



You could support by:

- Continuing to practice times tables daily.
- Use Times Tables Rock Stars for 10mins approx. 4 times a week.
- Practice telling the time, on both analogue and digital clocks.

SCIENCE

What we will do:

- Focus on light and shadows, finding out about how light travels.
- Find out how rainbows are formed and create our own using mirrors in water.
- Make a sundial and explore how shadows change throughout the day.
- Investigate objects that reflect and block the light.

You could support by:

- Listing different objects that make light, making observations of the Sun at different times of day, making shadow shapes using torches.

HISTORY

What we will do:

- Use historical artefacts and sources to explore and make inferences about the past.
- Learn about what the ancient Greeks achieved and how they impacted our lives today.
- Find out about daily life during this period in history.

GEOGRAPHY

What we will do:

- Locate where Greece is on a world map and which continent it is in.
- Find out what the capital of Greece is.
- Locate the cities of Athens and Sparta and see how the geography of these places affected the populations

P.E

What we will do:

- Further develop our Basketball skills by playing a series of competitive games.
- Practise a range of static positions, jumps and rhythmic techniques in Gymnastics.

ART/DT

What we will do:

- Research, design, make and evaluate an ancient Greek sandal.
- Learn about the skills of weaving and sewing and practise using different materials.
- Use cutting and sewing skills to create a final piece.



SPANISH

Our weekly Spanish is supported by Mrs Berndt . This term we will learn new vocabulary to describe places around the school and classroom objects. We will also consolidate our learning around classroom commands and practise a festive Spanish song!

MUSIC

We will practise using hand percussion instruments and will create symbols to match sounds. We will also learn to control the length and volume of sounds.

RE

This half term we will be learning about Judaism. We will focus on Jewish traditions and worship.

COMPUTING

We will be using the programme *Scratch Junior* to create our own dance algorithms. We will create a simple sequence of movements on the iPad app using our coding skills.

Homework

Thank you again for your continued support with the children's homework projects. Please bring in any models or photographs so that the children can share their work with the class.

This half term, children are invited to bring in their homework as soon as it is complete but all homework is due by **Friday 12th December. They are aiming to gain 10 points.**