

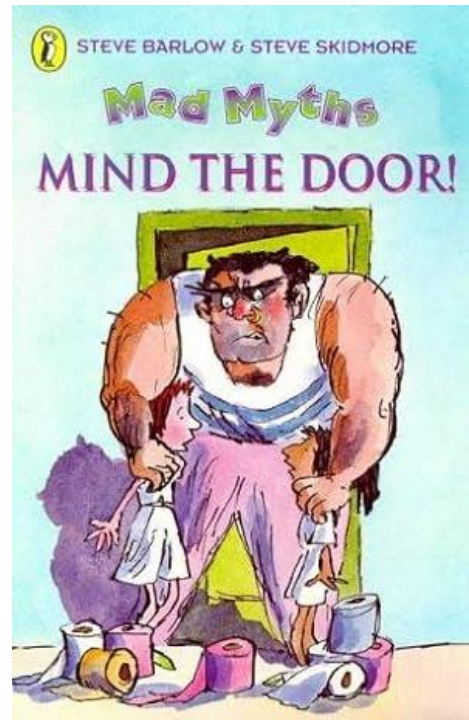
Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term 2024

Fox Class

'Groundbreaking Greeks'

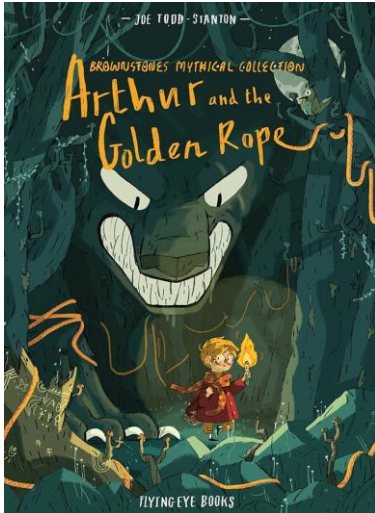
Our topic this term is 'Groundbreaking Greeks'. In this unit about ancient Greece, children will gain an understanding of where and when some key events during the ancient Greek period took place. They will explore what is meant by the terms 'trade', 'civilisation' and 'empire' and explore how, towards the end of the ancient Greek period, Alexander the Great grew an empire resulting in the Greek civilisation spreading more widely. When learning about daily life in ancient Greece, children will explore what life was like for different people who were enslaved during ancient Greek times. They will then independently research and feed back on different elements of daily life in ancient Greece. Children will also explore the differences between life in ancient Athens and ancient Sparta. They will learn about early democracy in Athens and take part in a debate about life in Athens and Sparta. Children will use ancient Greek pottery as a primary source to help them gather evidence about the ancient Greek Olympics and make comparisons between the ancient Games and the modern Olympics. In addition to this, children will learn about the beliefs of the ancient Greeks, producing fact files about the Greek gods. Children will sequence a simple story map of a version of the Trojan War and will explore historical evidence relating to the Trojan War. Studying ancient Greece will help children to develop their questioning skills and make comparisons; learn to use historical sources and help them to understand how past events have helped to shape the world that we know today.



Maths



This term the children will focus their learning on decimals, money, time, shape, statistics and position and direction. The fox class will be expected to explore the link between fractions and multiplication/division and begin to learn about decimals. This includes solving simple measure and money problems involving fractions and decimals, recognising and writing tenths and hundredths as decimals and rounding decimal numbers with one decimal place to the nearest whole number.



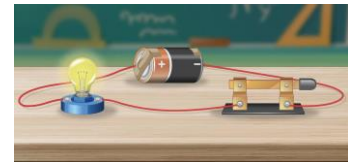
English

In English, we are doing a book study on Arthur and the Golden Rope. Firstly, they will be writing to inform; Defeating a Viking monster! And then turning their attention to writing to entertain by writing their very own Viking legend.

After Whitsun week, the children will be learning about Olympians, old and new! They will be writing to inform, by creating biographies about their chosen Olympians.

Science

Over the summer term, the children will be learning about 'Electricity' and 'Plants'. During the Electricity unit, the children will learn about common appliances that run on electricity, how to construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. They will explore whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery. Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit and recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.



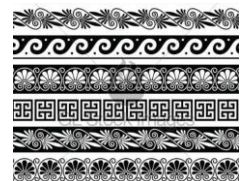
When learning about plants, identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers, explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant, investigate 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

Art

The children in the fox class will be exploring textiles and sculpture this term.

In textile art, the children will design and make a small cushion in the shape and style of an Ancient Greek pot. They will learn 3 stitches; running stitch, backstitch and the blanket stitch. The children will also learn how to embroider patterns.

The children will be using mod-roc to create sculptures of Ancient Greek pots.





Computing

A micro:bit is a tiny, pocket-sized computer and it was created by the BBC. Today's micro:bit is smaller than a credit card. It has an LED light display with 25 red LED lights, two buttons, sensors, and different features. These include an accelerometer, which can tell when the micro:bit is moving, a compass which shows the direction it is moving in, and a radio and Bluetooth transmitter that can interact with other devices. The Fox Class will learn about the ways that software and hardware work together. Software describes the digital information that helps



computers to run – for example, the apps on a mobile phone are a type of software. Hardware is the physical parts of a computer that allow the software to work. For example, this might include a motherboard.

The micro:bit allows children to learn about how computers work and they can learn about coding and programming as well as about inputs and outputs.



RE

For the first half term, the fox class children will be exploring what life was like for Christians when Jesus left and the impact of the Pentecost. After half term, they will then focus on what matters most to Humanists and Christians.



PE

The children will need to have their full PE kit in school on a Monday ready for the week.

Up until half term, the fox class will be practicing their tennis skills on a **Tuesday afternoon**.

After half term, the fox class will be moving onto athletics in the lead up to the Olympics this summer.

Year 4 will also be swimming at South Molton pool with Smart Swim on a **Wednesday** afternoon for the first half term and the Year 3's will go after the Whitsun break.

Music

Mrs Brayley, our music specialist teacher, will continue teaching the children each Friday. Their music topic this term is "Great Musicians and Genres of Music". Children will have the opportunity to listen to and identify different genres of music and to think about their distinguishing features. They will then focus on the classical musicians Mozart and Beethoven, as well as other genres such as folk and jazz.



PSHE

This term the fox class will be fitting together the jigsaw pieces of 'Relationships' and 'Changes'.

They will be thinking about and discussing families, friendships, keeping safe online and how to be a global citizen. They will also begin to understand how babies grow, outside and inside body changes, family stereotypes and looking forward to the year ahead.

How you can help at home



Please continue to log onto the Doodle Learning apps and record this in your child's homework book. The children are really enjoying using them in class and they are creating positive progress to your child's learning and attainment.

Please also continue to read daily at home too. I recommend that your child reads their school book at home too, so that they can quiz more often and therefore achieve badges and awards.

Mrs Langdon

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