

English: Oak Class will be exploring how authors use 'show not tell' writing to create empathy for different characters. They will use this technique to re-tell the story of 'The Lone Robot'. The children will then learn to write a story with 'flashbacks', focusing on 'The Piano'.

After half term, we will be exploring Greek myths. As part of this, we will be creating our own heroes, heroines, gods, goddesses and mythical creatures! In order to understand these characters, we will be creating job descriptions for them and writing job applications in role. Finally, we will write our own Greek myths using those we have read as models.

In spelling, we will focus on learning the Year 5/6 word list contained within the National Curriculum. A copy of this will be sent home.

Science: During the first half term, we will be looking at the human circulatory system and recognising the impact of diet, drugs, lifestyle and exercise on the way our bodies function. After half term, we will be investigating different forces including gravity, air resistance and friction.

Computing: In digital literacy, we will be focusing on word processing, web research, presentations and spreadsheets. We will also be using 'Scratch' to develop our computer programming skills.

History: We will be studying 'Ancient Greece' throughout this term. Initially, we will be considering how historians gathered evidence about this ancient civilisation from pots and then we will move on to Greek legacy .

Mathematics: During this term, we will explore all aspects of Maths outlined in the National Curriculum, beginning with place value, rounding and estimation. Other concepts we will be investigating include Roman numerals, decimals, negative numbers, formal methods for addition and subtraction, multi-step word problems, angles, factors and multiples. Towards the end of term, we will use our Maths skills to plan our enterprises for the Christmas bazaar.

RE: Before half term, our topic will be 'God Talk'. We will explore how Christians and Muslims interpret ideas about God/Allah. After half-term, we will focus on 'The Magi', exploring the significance of prophecy within the Christmas story.

Curriculum Map for Oak Class

PE and Games: In PE this term, we will be developing our gymnastics skills, focusing on improving our balance when creating different bridges. Games will be taught by a trained coach from 'Lions in the Community' and will focus on developing hockey and rugby skills.

Technology: In technology, we will be creating mazes to link with our work on Greek myths and 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. We will also be creating, packaging and advertising healthy meals and sandwiches to complement our work in Science.

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PSHE: During the first half term, PSHE work will focus on 'New Beginnings' and 'Taking Responsibility for Our Own Safety', with specific reference to drugs. After half term, we will discuss 'Rights, Responsibilities and the Law'. This unit is linked to our Ancient Greece topic as it focuses on the importance of democracy in society.

Art: Our art work will be linked to the topic of 'Ancient Greece'. We will be exploring Greek patterns, making Greek jewellery and producing symbolic art using different artistic techniques and media.

Music: We will be learning songs related to Ancient Greece and the heroes of Troy. Through the theme of 'Greek Tragedy', we will explore dynamics, tempo and structure.