



Year 3

Autumn 1



This term Year 3 will be doing the topic 'Gods and Mortals'

Whilst covering this topic, the children will learn about the *Ancient Greeks*. In *Geography*, the children will learn to use *Geographical terminology* to describe human and physical features of various countries, comparing them to *Greece*. They will be taught to talk about significant historical characters from *Ancient Greece*, including *Pythagoras*, *Plato*, *Socrates* and *Alexander the Great*, and to plot historical events in chronological order, explaining their significance in history. In *science* the children will be investigating why we need plants and how they grow, comparing how this differs from plant to plant. In *D&T* the children will be designing various objects including wings for *Icarus* and a moving *Trojan horse*, making sure that their product fits a specific design brief.

In *maths* the children will be learning to identify the value of different digits in a 3 digit number, as well as then sorting the numbers into an order, calculating with them and writing them in words as well as digits. The children will be focusing on times tables, using arrays to work them out and then trying their best to memorize the answers! There will also be a focus upon problem solving and reasoning, as the children learn to answer questions in full sentences giving mathematical justification for their ideas.

In *English* the children will be learning to use effective descriptive vocabulary including adjectives, metaphors and similes when writing a detail description of *Theseus*' from the story '*The Minotaur*'. They will also be learning to write a factual piece containing standard non-fiction features such as subheadings and a glossary. Finally, the children will study the story of *King Midas*, and rewrite it in their own words, ensuring that their writing is entertaining!