

WHO LET THE GODS OUT

WHAT WILL YEAR 3/4 BE LOOKING AT IN THE SECOND AUTUMN 2026 TERM?

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT?

English	Retelling Theseus and the Minotaur Narrative based on the class story. Writing a Letter to a character
Maths	Addition and Subtraction Multiplication and Division - Arrays 3,4,6 and 8 times tables.
Science	Light
DT	Hinges, leavers and axles
Art	Drawing 3D shapes
History	Ancient Greece
Music	Ukulele
PE	REAL PE YEAR3 CORE UNIT 2B REAL PE YEAR3 DANCE UNIT 1
PSHE	Jigsaw: Celebrating Differences
RE	Sikhism
Computing	Sound Stories
French	Animals
Outdoor Learning	Measuring the length of shadows.

CAN YOU FIND OUT?

- HOW MANY GODS AND GODDESSES WERE THERE?
- WHERE MIGHT YOU FIND SHADOWS?
- HOW MANY REFLECTIVE THINGS CAN YOU FIND AROUND THE HOUSE?
- WHO RULED IN ANCIENT GREECE?



MARCY AND THE RIDDLE OF THE SPHINX

This term we will be reading all about Marcy and the riddle of the Sphinx as well as retelling parts of the story in English. Here is a little more about our class book.

Many years have passed since the tale of Arthur and the Golden Rope and Arthur is now a world-famous adventurer. If only his daughter Marcy shared his enthusiasm for exploration... Determined to bring out Marcy's adventurous side, Arthur sets off to Egypt to bring back the legendary Book of Thoth. When Arthur doesn't return, Marcy must follow in his footsteps. Can she overcome her fears and rescue her father from the



MATHS

In Maths this term, we will continue to look at addition (+) and subtraction (-), and start to look at multiplication (x) and division (÷).

We will also be continuing with the written methods (see below) and linking these to reasoning and problem solving questions.

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KEEP PRACTICING YOUR MULTIPLICATION TABLES ON TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS. WHO WILL BE TOP OF THE LEADERBOARD?

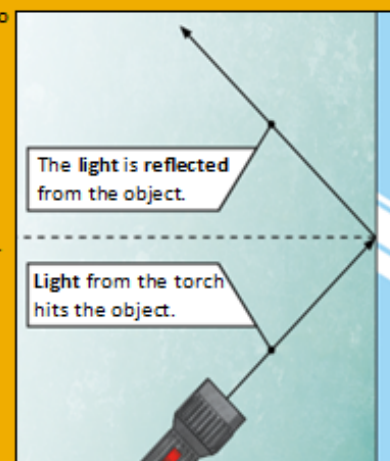
PREVIOUS LEARNING

CHILDREN WILL BE USING THEIR PREVIOUS LEARNING TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS FURTHER THIS TERM- INCLUDING-

- ENQUIRY SKILLS AND SCIENTIFIC THINKING
- DRAWING LINES AND SHAPES
- ADDING AND SUBTRACTING
- ENQUIRY SKILLS FOR HISTORICAL EVENTS

SCIENCE: LIGHT

We need **light** to be able to see things. **Light** travels in a straight line. When **light** hits an object, it is **reflected** (bounces off). If the **reflected light** hits our eyes, we can see the object. Some surfaces and materials **reflect light** well. Other materials do not **reflect light** well. **Reflective** surfaces and materials can be very useful...



Key Vocabulary

light	A form of energy that travels in a wave from a source.
light source	An object that makes its own light.
dark	Dark is the absence of light.
transparent	Describes objects that let light travel through them easily, meaning that you can see through the object.
translucent	Describes objects that let some light through, but scatter the light so we can't see through them properly.
opaque	Describes objects that do not let any light pass through them.
reflect	When light hits an object, it is reflected (bounces off).
mirror	Mirrors reflect light very well, so they create a clear image. An image in a mirror appears to be reversed

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GREEK MYTHS

Icarus and Daedalus	Daedalus and his son, Icarus, built a labyrinth for King Minos of Crete. They were locked up but escaped by making wings from feathers and wax.
Theseus and the Minotaur	Theseus from Athens killed the minotaur belonging to King Minos and escaped from Crete with Princess Ariadne.
Prometheus	A Titan who stole fire from Olympus and gave it to humans.
Heracles	Son of Zeus. Half god, half human. Known for his courage and great strength and the performing of 12 near-impossible tasks.
Pandora's box	Zeus gave a box to Pandora and told her never to open it. She opened the box and terrible things, such as hate and sickness, came into the world. The last thing to come out of the box was hope.

KEY VOCABULARY

city-state	An ancient city and the surrounding area with an independent government, such as Athens and Sparta, in ancient Greece.
conquer	To take control of another country and its people, usually after a war or battle.
dedicate	To do something in honour of a person or a thing.
democracy	A system where the government is elected by the people.
god	A worshipped immortal being in spirit who is believed to have supreme power over some part of the universe or life.
hoplite	A heavily armoured, non-professional foot soldier of ancient Greece.
labyrinth	A confusing set of complicated, connecting passages and blind alleys that make it easy to get lost.
minotaur	In Greek mythology, a monster that is half man and half bull, who lived in the centre of a labyrinth.
Mount Olympus	A mountain peak in Greece where the ancient Greeks believed the gods lived.
myth	An ancient story that explains the early history of a group of people.
Peloponnesian War	An ancient Greek war between the city-states of Athens and Sparta.
philosopher	A person who studies or writes about human life.

USEFUL WEBSITES

BBC Bitesize —Light

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zbssgk7>

The British Museum —Ancient Greece

<http://www.ancientgreece.co.uk/menu.htm>

Purple Mash

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/holbeach-pe12>

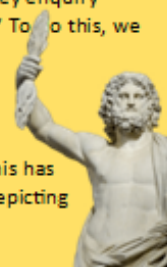
Times Tables Rockstars

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/18519>

Please note, these are external links that have been checked, but caution is always suggested when using the internet.

HISTORY

In History, we will be doing lots of work to answer our key enquiry question 'What was the impact of the Ancient Greeks?' To do this, we will be looking in depth at timelines, chronology, artefacts, a range of sources to understand what life was like back then, and what influence, if any, it has had on our lives. We will also take a look at the first Olympics and how this has changed over time, and recreate our own Greek Vase depicting an Olympic sport.



c1600 BCE
Greek civilisation begins

c1200 BCE
The Trojan War between city-states and Troy

776 BCE
First Olympic games held in Olympia

508 BCE
Democracy is introduced in Athens

490 BCE
Greeks win the Battle of Marathon

c461 BCE
First Peloponnesian War

431 BCE
Second Peloponnesian War

427 BCE
Greek civilisation begins to decline

146 BCE
The Romans conquer ancient Greece