

Woodford Green Primary School

Autumn 1 Curriculum Letter



Welcome to **Spike Milligan** class with Ms Skeggs and Ms Alexander

This term our topic is: **The Greeks**

Our topic will cover:

History:

We will study Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world. We will create a timeline to set out the order events may have happened. Additionally, Greek culture will be explored and researched. This will include art, architecture, beliefs, sports, academic achievements and the Greek Gods. Historic Wars will be discussed including influential individuals and their impact.

Geography:

We will be using a combination of Locational, Place Knowledge and Geographical skills and fieldwork to discuss, observe and compare similarities and differences with our homes in the UK and Greece (Ancient and modern).

We will experience a wide range of a variety of sources to validate our findings in our independent studies of Ancient Greece.

We will use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied.

Art and DT:

We will learn what the Ancient Greeks used to make with clay and how they decorated their ceramics using their cultural influences. We will make our own Greek pots to decorate and display.

The use of gold and jewellery were prolific in this era and we will make a “special surprise” in our Art lessons to be revealed and worn on our fantastic Greek night!

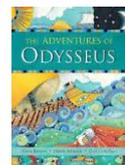
Our Science topic is:

Earth and Space.

We will be learning how to:

- describe the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the sun in the solar system
- describe the movement of the moon relative to the Earth
- describe the sun, Earth and moon as approximately spherical bodies
- use the idea of the Earth’s rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky

Our Power of Reading Book is ‘**The Adventures of Odysseus**’ by Hugh Lupton, Daniel Morden and Christina Balit. In this retelling of Homer’s epic poem The Odyssey, tells the story of Odysseus’s return home to Ithica from fighting in the Trojan wars. His journey is beset by danger, challenges and tragedy. Each of the stories in the book would stand alone as short stories, but they also work as a complete sequence, in which Odysseus tells the story of his travels and then finally returns home, to yet more challenges. The stories cover themes of good and evil, the nature of heroism, taking responsibility for our actions within a classic voyage and return narrative.



In Maths we will be learning:

- Number and place value

- Written and mental addition and subtraction
- Problem solving reasoning and algebra
- Decimals, Percentages and their equivalence to fractions
- Mental multiplication and Division
- Measurement

In RE we will be learning about **Judaism**.

In PE we will be learning Indoor Gymnastics and Ashtanga/Hatha Yoga. We have a specialist PE Coach for outdoor lessons. The children need to have their PE kits in school for Thursdays and Fridays-

We will be taught by specialist teachers on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** afternoons. On Wednesdays the children will have **Computing** and **French** taught by Mrs Young. On Thursdays the children will have **Drama and PE**.

Bug Club  www.activelearn.co.uk

Children will use their **Abacus login** and **password** to access the Bug Club reading books. These will be allocated on a fortnightly basis depending on how frequently the children are reading.

Homework will take the form of a half termly/termly project based around our class topic. The children will be also be given a selection of different activities from which they can pick their own weekly task. **Reading, Spellings** and **Times Tables** will be undertaken on a weekly basis. Children will be tested on their Spellings and Times Tables at the end of each week.

Important dates this term:

Monday 11th September – Curriculum Briefing (for parents) at 09:00 and 15:30
 Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th October – Parent Consultations
 Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th October – School dinner taster evenings
 Friday 20th October – School closed for children (Staff INSET)