



Edison

Class

Newsletter

ANCIENT GREEK GODS
Goddesses, Mythical Creatures & Myths



Dear Parents / Carers,

Let's discover a fantastical world of mythical creatures and heroes as we travel back in time to Ancient Greece!

This half term, we'll learn about Apollo and the other gods who reign from Mount Olympus and create a 3-D head of our favourite god or goddess.

We'll explore the land of Greece, where the sun scorches the wings of Icarus and Helen of Troy inspires the launch of a thousand ships. Using historical source materials, we'll research daily life in ancient Greece. We'll write diaries as Daedalus or Icarus and learn about epic battles. In D&T, we'll design wings, just like Daedalus, and make Trojan horses. We'll read Theseus and the Minotaur and create amazing labyrinths, using positional language to guide others around the maze. In PE, we'll take part in athletics and practise synchronised battle movements just like the ancient Greeks. On maps of Greece, we'll plot the journeys made by ancient Greek characters. At the end of this topic, we'll create our own gods and mythological creatures and look forward to presenting our stories to you a special manuscript.

In our English lessons we will focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar and continue to follow the National Curriculum. We will incorporate lots of writing for our topic on the Ancient Greeks. We will create descriptive character profiles on some famous Gods, creatures and famous Greeks in history, write exciting diary accounts of characters, read and create our own myths and legends.

In Science, we will be studying Electricity. We will identify common appliances that run on electricity, construct a simple series electrical circuit, with cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. We will investigate which materials are common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors. We will learn about switches and create our own torch.

Please make sure your child brings their **P.E. kit every Monday** for their Physical Education lesson.

To help your child please:

- ✓ **Read for 20 minutes** every day and discuss the book with your child. Reading records are checked daily.
- ✓ **Times tables** - test your child on the week's times tables so they can answer quickly without counting.
- ✓ **Spellings** each week your child has about 10-15 spellings to learn for a weekly test on Monday.

Any questions about how you can help your child's learning, please feel free to catch one of us after school or make an appointment via the office.

Mr King & Miss Clarke