

Year 5.6 – Spring 2026

Visits/Visitors: Off the Page – Life in Ancient Greece (History)

English



Writing to Entertain: Descriptive Recount

- Explore ideas of suspense and tension through reading *The Watertower* by Gary Crew
- Select appropriate grammar and vocabulary e.g. with the 'show don't tell' technique
- Use dialogue to advance the action and convey character
- Use figurative language to create mood and atmosphere

Writing to Persuade: Persuasive Letter

- Explore the language and features of persuasive writing
- Understand the difference between formal and informal language

Science



Living Things and Habitats:

Life Cycles

- Understand the life processes of a plant
- Understand the life cycles of the three types of mammal
- Compare the life cycles of insects and amphibians
- Understand the life cycles of birds/reptiles.

Living Things and Habitats: Classification

- Classify vertebrates and invertebrates
- Micro-organisms (helpful v harmful investigation)

Computing



Data Matters

- Understand how big data is used in the real world
- Understand how file extensions are used
- Understand that devices on a network have an IP address, locate examples
- Know data is analysed to provide information and this can be positive or negative
- Explain in simple terms how a search engine retrieves data

Maths



- Identify the value of each digit to three decimal places and multiply and divide numbers by 10, 100, 1000 giving answers up to three decimal places
- Recall and use equivalences between simple fractions, decimals and percentages, including in different contexts
- Solve problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Use estimation to check answers to calculations and determine, in the context of a problem, appropriate degree of accuracy
- Perform mental calculations, including with mixed operations and large numbers

RE



Human Responsibility and Values

- Explain some of the challenges offered by the variety of religions and beliefs in the contemporary world
- Recognise and explain diversity within religious expression, using key concepts
- Explain how some beliefs and teachings are shared by different religions and how they make a difference to the lives of individuals and communities

PSHE



Dreams and Goals

- Identify ways to break goals down into small achievable steps
- To work with others to make the world a better place
- To explain what we like and admire about people we know

Healthy Me

- Learn how to be healthy in body and mind
- Understand that mental and physical health are related

PE



Gymnastics

- Create gymnastic sequences individually and in groups
- Include elements such as: balance, counter-balance, sequence, travel, rolls

Cricket

- Understand concepts of batting and fielding and bowling
- Improve accuracy of throwing and catching

Geography



Earthquakes and Volcanoes

- Describe what you find under the Earth's surface
- Understand layers of the Earth and plate tectonics
- Understand seismic activity and Richter Scale
- Draw and label diagrams
- Explain how volcanoes are formed
- Create own volcanoes

Spanish



- To express likes and dislikes of hobbies orally and in sentences using connectives.
- To name at least five occupations in Spanish
- To understand the main points of a story
- Substitute items of vocabulary to vary questions or statements
- Express and justify a range of opinions, understand others' opinions and express dis/agreement

Music



A New Year Carol

- Classical / Urban gospel
- Improve performance confidence
- Exploring rhythm and pitch using voice

You've Got a Friend

- Exploring 1970s Ballad / Pop music
- Exploring rhythm and pitch using instruments
- Improving glockenspiel and recorder skills

Art/DT



Greek Pots and Vases

- Improve quality of sketchbook with mixed media work and annotations
- Improve skills with clay tools
- Develop artistic/visual vocabulary when talking about own work and that of others

Best Foot Forward: Greek Footwear

- Design, make (sewing, joining) and evaluate a Greek-style sandal

History



Ancient Greece

- History off the Page Ancient Greece immersive experience
- Understand the sequence of time periods in the Ancient Greek era
- Understand the influence of Alexander the Great
- Explain the origin of the Olympic Games
- Describe a range of Ancient Greek Gods