

## English

### **Core Text: Adventures of Odysseus**

Adapted from an oral retelling of an epic, following the travels and trials of Odysseus. Framed by the story of Penelope and her long wait for the return of her husband, we hear the gory tale of one-eyed Cyclops, marvel at Circe's ability to change men into pigs, and are moved by Odysseus's reunion with his son. The narrative shifts between the third person and Odysseus's own voice, giving immediacy to the telling.

### **Core Text: Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief**

Always trouble-prone, the life of teenager Percy Jackson gets a lot more complicated when he learns he's the son of the Greek god Poseidon. At a training ground for the children of deities, Percy learns to harness his divine powers and prepare for the adventure of a lifetime: he must prevent a feud among the Olympians from erupting into a devastating war on Earth, and rescue his mother from the clutches of Hades, god of the underworld.

## History and Geography

We will research the Greek Empire and Europe. Starting our trip with a mini Olympics, the children will develop their understanding of Gladiators, Greek culture and History. Children will name and locate countries and cities of Europe. They will understand how some of these have changed over time. In the second half of the term, they will take part in a Greek day in order to fully immerse themselves in Greek cooking and pottery.

## Science:

### **We are learning about nature and environments.**

The key focus of science this half term will be nature and environments.

Observing and comparing the life cycles of plants and animals in their local environment with other plants and animals around the world (in the oceans, in desert areas and in prehistoric times), asking pertinent questions and suggesting reasons for similarities and differences.

In the summer term we will also be talking to the children about changes to the human body, more information will be provided before this topic is taught.

# It's all Greek to me



## Computing

In Computing the children will be developing their understanding of Publisher and PowerPoint. Creating presentations to link with their Topic lessons.

## Music and drama

We will be learning songs and scenes from the 'Heroes of Troy' combining music with the history topic Ancient Greece. Our version of the story is told from the point of view of the **Old Soldier** looking back 40 years to the time when he was a bodyguard assigned to King Menelaus in the Spartan court.

## Art &DT

This term the children will be looking at Greek pots - using clay to make our own. Temple designs and Architecture. In the second half of the term, they will take part in a Greek day experimenting with Greek cooking and pottery.

## Maths

### Decimals

Solve problems involving number up to three decimal places. Multiply and divide whole numbers and those involving decimals by 10, 100 and 1000.

Use all four operations to solve problems involving measure [for example, length, mass, volume, money] using decimal notation, including scaling.

### Geometry

Identify 3D shapes, including cubes and other cuboids, from 2D representations.

Use the properties of rectangles to deduce related facts and find missing lengths and angles. Distinguish between regular and irregular polygons based on reasoning about equal sides and angles.

Know angles are measured in degrees: estimate and compare acute, obtuse and reflex angles. Draw given angles, and measure them in degrees.

Identify: angles at a point and one whole turn (total 360°), angles at a point on a straight line and  $\frac{1}{2}$  a turn (total 180°) other multiples of 90°

Geometry—Position and direction Identify, describe and represent the position of a shape following a reflection or translation, using the appropriate language, and know that the shape has not changed.

### Measurement—Converting measurements

Convert between different units of metric measure [for example, km and m; cm and m; cm and mm; g and kg; l and ml]

Understand and use approximate equivalences between metric units and common imperial units such as inches, pounds and pints.

Solve problems involving converting between units of time.

### Measurement Volume

Estimate volume [for example using 1cm<sup>3</sup> blocks to build cuboids (including cubes)] and capacity [for example, using water]

Use all four operations to solve problems involving measure.