

Monday 24th April 2023

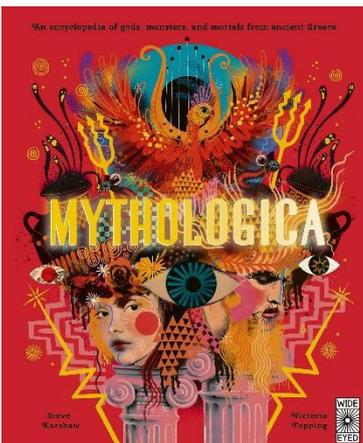
Dear Families,

Welcome back to summer term! We have so much to look forward to this term beginning with our Year 3/4 Musicals Assembly! The Assembly will be at 1:30pm on Friday 28th in the school hall and you can just turn up. Hopefully, the weather will continue to pick up in time for the family picnic for the Coronation, Sports day and the class will be able to go outside more and enjoy the fresh air and outdoor learning spaces! Miss Plant will continue to be our cover teacher on Wednesday whilst I am on PPA and Leadership & Management time.

Enquiry

The Enquiry driving subject this term is Art and it will be enhanced by History! The question of the term is 'How does life imitate art?' The children will learn all about the Ancient Greeks and take inspiration from the myths and gods of this era to create their very own myth and Greek vase to depict their myth too. This exhibition is a special one and we are hoping to be able to display the children's work at the New Art Exchange in Nottingham City. You will receive an invite nearer to the time. In week 5 this term, the children will be holding a Greek Feast for the families of Year 3. We will be sending out the day and time of this event in the next couple of weeks!

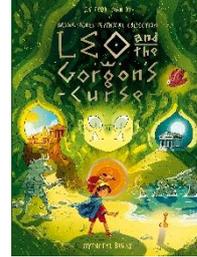
English



The children's new book for English is called, 'Mythologica' by Stephen Kershaw. This is a fantastic illustrated text that details the lives of the Gods, Goddesses and Mythical creatures of Greece. The children will first be writing a non-chronological

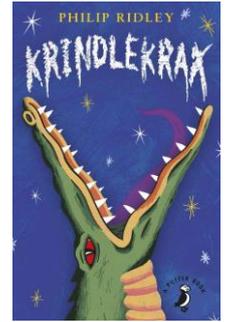
report (detailed fact file) on this text. Following that, they will be creating their own narrative based on a Greek God, Goddess or Hero. The children will also be writing an explanation text on how to care for a mythical beast and finally a balanced argument based on their knowledge of the Athenians and the Spartans.

Reading



The children have begun the term reading 'Leo and the Gorgon's Curse' by Joe Todd-Stanton. This is a lovely text based on themes of choosing to do the right thing and is closely

linked to the myths of Greece. The children will go on to study a non-fiction text based on the Ancient Greeks. They will be reading Krindlekrax by Philip Ridley, The Tunnel by Anthony Browne and finally they will study poetry.



The children now start their day with 'Rise and Shine Reading' on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On these days, we are checking reading records and changing books. Please encourage your children to read for 15 minutes at home and also bring in their reading books each day. On the other 2 days, the children will complete handwriting practice.

Spellings

Each Friday, your child will receive homework for spellings. These should be practised over the week and returned to school on a Thursday along with their other homework. The children have daily spelling sessions to work on the rule of the week. The rules for this term are as follows:

Week	Spelling Rule
1	words ending in -ary
2	'o' sounds like /u/
3	'ou' sounds like /o/
4	words with the letter strings 'uni' and 'struct'
5	words with the letter strings 'uni' and 'struct'
6	words with the letter strings 'press' and 'vent'

Maths

This term in Maths we will begin with fractions in Summer 1. These are the some of the small steps that we will be looking at this term:

Step 1	Understand the denominators of unit fractions
Step 2	Compare and order unit fractions
Step 3	Understand the numerators of non-unit fractions
Step 4	Understand the whole
Step 5	Compare and order non-unit fractions
Step 6	Fractions and scales
Step 7	Fractions on a number line
Step 8	Count in fractions on a number line

Following this, we will be working on;

- Money
- Time
- Shape
- Statistics

Science

In Science, year 3 will first of all be studying animals including humans which looks closely at the human skeleton and how the muscles work. It also covers animal skeletons - invertebrates, exoskeletons and so forth! The scientist of this unit is Marie Curie and her invention of the x-ray.

The final Science unit is light. The scientist of this unit is Thomas Edison who invented the light bulb. The children will look at different types of reflective surfaces, sources of light and shadows.

RE

We will continue to cover the statutory requirements for RE this term. The topics this term are:

Spring 1: Where, how and why do people worship?

Spring 2: Exploring places of worship in Nottingham City.

Music

Each Tuesday afternoon, we will have Inspire coming to teach the children music including continuing with the Ukulele. Inspire will deliver the National Curriculum objectives for music through these lessons and the children will learn a variety of musical knowledge from pitch, tone, beat and so on.

IT

This term the children will be completing programming units in Computing.

Summer 1: Programming A – sequencing sounds

Summer 2: Programming B – Events and actions in programmes

PSHE

In PSHE for Summer 1 & 2, the children will be focussing on the SCARF units 'Being my Best' and 'Growing and Changing'. The children will also have lots of opportunities to further explore PSHE ideas such as school assemblies, the choice of guided reading books, visitors and special celebration days too! Starting with today when the children will be taking part in a Road Safety workshop!

PE

We continue to have Mr Ellis, our sports specialist teacher. Year 3 **PE will be on Friday afternoon** but please keep kits in school for the week just in case we have any extra PE sessions.

Art and D&T

This term, the children will be exploring Sculpture through their Enquiry and create a Greek Vase.

In Design and Technology, the children will be focusing on food technology and will be cooking up a delicious Greek Feast!



Homework

Our class is very good at handing in and completing maths and spelling homework. Please try to complete all 9 curriculum activities too with your child. You have until the end of Summer Term. We keep the homework that the children bring in, in a special folder in our classroom so that we look back through the work that we have created.

Please ensure that your child has fully completed their homework before they hand it in on Thursday morning.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and ask at the beginning or end of the day. I will continue post on dojo when I can to show what the children are up to! You can also follow the class on Twitter at [@HFHAMissGerrard](https://twitter.com/HFHAMissGerrard)

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Gerrard