

Class 5

The Bliss Charity School



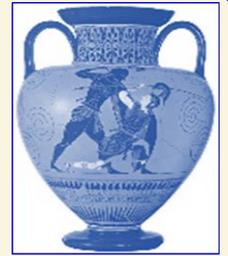
Term 3



Well, we have already completed a third of the year! The children have really settled into Class 5 and it is great to see such enthusiastic learning taking place. With two great topics under our belt, our topic for Term 3 is Ancient Greece; such an exciting era to learn about and of course a trip squeezed in too!



Term 3 Topic: *Ancient Greece*



Linking their learning back to last term's science topic ('Earth, Sun and Moon'), the children will be studying the Ancient Greek philosophers and the important discoveries they made. There will be a global learning emphasis as the children gather evidence from primary and secondary historical sources, comparing and contrasting daily life in Ancient Greece to their own and asking how the Ancient Greeks changed the world and the way we think.

Geography and history will complement each other as the class research the origins and evolution of Alexander the Great's Empire. The children will be placing significant events on timelines, mapping the Empire and gaining an understanding of how Ancient Greece developed in science, philosophy, agriculture, trade, government, sport, maths and the arts.

English lessons will begin with examining instructional texts; the children will be writing modern day instructions for an Ancient Greek time-traveller. Moving on to Greek myths and legends, we will be reading and analysing stories with historical settings; the children will then write their own myths and create their own mythological monsters, sharing these and dramatising scenes in the outdoor classroom, using the story-teller's chair.

Through researching the Olympic Games, the children will design and participate in their own Olympic sports. In art and DT, the children will research, design and create their own Greek pots and the whole topic will culminate in a Greek feast and toga party!

Obviously a trip has to be incorporated! On Tuesday 30th January, we will be visiting the Ancient Greek and Roman exhibitions at the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery as well as taking part in an Ancient Greek workshop.

Other Subjects...

During science the children will be looking at, and comparing, gestation periods in humans and other animals and also changes experienced as humans develop into old age. We also have a midwife visiting who will help the children understand and chart the growth and development of babies.

Maths work this term will involve measuring angles accurately using a protractor and distinguishing between regular and irregular polygons, whilst building on the children's knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes. They will also learn how to reflect, translate and rotate a shapes. Data in different forms will then be collected, analysed and presented. Finally, place value and the four operations will be revisited.

Lastly, during R.E., the children will be examining Hinduism and what we can learn from the Hindu religion. We are also continuing to follow the *Charanga* programme in music on Tuesdays. French sessions take place on Wednesday mornings.

Helping your child at home ...

'Sentence of the Week' will continue to be tested on Mondays, which will incorporate the key grammar and spelling focus for that week. We are now concentrating on the Year 5/6 statutory spellings; the children will receive 10 per week to learn and will be tested on Monday mornings.

In addition, reading journals are to be handed in on Monday mornings; these should be filled in with any reading undertaken at home – this should be at least 5 times per week.

In Maths, times tables (or division facts) will be tested every Friday morning to help encourage mathematical efficiency and fluency and *My Maths* homework is set on Friday for completion the following Wednesday.

Furthermore, an English task will be set on alternate weeks to Learning Logs. These are set on Fridays and due in on Wednesdays. All these tasks will consolidate or compliment the learning undertaken in class.

Class 5 information ...

P.E. this term will be dance on Monday and gym on a Friday. Please ensure your child always has the correct kit in school.

We will be taking learning outside as much as possible so it is important that children have appropriate clothing and footwear in school at all times.

Please feel free to share any concerns you or your child may have – just contact the office to make an appointment.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Bastin and Mrs. Baker