

This term the topic will be focused on **Musical theatre**. The children's learning will focus on finding out about the origins of theatre, looking at the Ancient Greeks and what Greek life was like. They will learn about famous myths and legends and explore how they have been adapted into modern films and plays. They will research theatre design and develop their construction and sewing skills to make the props and back drop for their own musical based on work from real life artists and designers. The term will have two learning experiences, one at the Mercury theatre and the other at London's West End to see a real theatre production. This inspiration will then be used to put on our very own musical production entitled: *Greece goes to pieces*.

Cross curricular learning will include artwork, with the children creating their own theatre masks for the character they will play. Science, with the children learning about the origin of magnets and forces, linking how they are used in theatre. They will also explore the use of light and shadows. PE will focus on dance, with the children learning choreographed dance routines every Friday for their musical numbers in the production and athletics every Monday (outside) linking to the Ancient Olympics.

In literacy the children will continue to be grouped by ability. Lessons will build on the children's knowledge of genres including fiction (A focus will be placed on myths and legends and play scripts to link to our class theme.) non-fiction texts and poetry, helping the children to further develop sentence structure, punctuation and spellings. The new approach to spellings will start with spellings being taught for 10 minutes every morning. Every Wednesday the children will receive homework to talk about before their writing on Friday. Fridays are our Big Write day with the children spending 45 minutes speaking about ideas and learning how to structure their text with another 45 minutes to actually write and edit.



The children are expected to read at least 4 times a week with this recorded and signed in their diaries to be checked every Monday. Homework will be set fortnightly.

The art of Ancient Greek theatre An Art and design focus

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In maths the children will continue to be grouped in sets based upon their own abilities. The children will further extend their knowledge of the number system consolidating calculation methods and applying them in different ways. They will continue to improve their mental recall of times tables and number bonds whilst exploring shape and measuring through the musical theatre link. The children will continue to work on improving their times table mental recall, with weekly testing. Maths will be cross curricular as much as possible to help the children understand the importance of the subject and Mathematics will continue to provide support in both home and school learning.

Outside of topic the children will continue to have weekly music and Spanish lessons, building on their previous learning. PHSE will focus on the eight areas of success and link to positive contributions and growing. RE will have a Christian theme as the children learn about the teaching of Jesus and the Easter story. ICT will continue to focus on programming and bug fixing.