

CURRICULUM FOCUS

Spring 2024

Year Group: Year 2



Topic Title: Mountains and Volcanoes and Ancient Greece

Aspects to be taught: Our topics for this term are 'Mountains and Volcanoes' and 'Ancient Greece'.

- Through this term we will be looking at different genres for writing such as stories and non-chronological reports. We will be focussing on changing parts of a story and Greek Myths. For Non chronological reports we will be looking at creating a book about Mountains and Volcanoes and a letter for persuasion. We will also have a focus on Poetry and how to put poems together in the style of a Kenning.
- In Maths we will be understanding and recognising our multiplication and division facts by sharing and grouping, we will then be identifying and describing 2d and 3d shapes. After the half term we will be understanding how to read scales with values of 2, 5, and 10 and measuring weight, volume and length as well as beginning to recognise fractions of amounts and shapes.
- In History we will be finding out about Famous Mountains and volcanoes. We will study a famous person who climbed a mountain and a real volcano eruption. In Spring 2 we will identify how Ancient Greece was made up of different states and how this meant the people they were brought up differently (Athens– Democrats, Sparta– Warriors). We will find out about the people of Ancient Greece who have impacted our lives today– philosophers, mathematicians, etc. We will find out about the Greeks beliefs and their Gods and how they worshipped them. As well as understanding the Ancient Olympics games and compare them to the current Olympics.
- In Geography we will be using maps and atlases to identify different mountain ranges and how mountains and volcanoes are formed. We will understand what happens a when a volcano erupts and the different parts of a volcano. In Spring 2 we will identify where Ancient Greece was on a map and where different places were and the continents and oceans of the world.
- In DT will be designing and creating a moving monster using levers and linkages and in Art we will be creating clay sculptured pots in the style of the Ancient Greeks.
- Our Science topics will be 'Animals including Humans' and 'Plants' We will be identifying the basic needs, how animals grow and how to keep humans healthy. We will plant seeds and bulbs and watch them grow.

We would like you to:

- Help your child to complete their homework each week. This is Spelling Shed, Reading and Numbots. You can find their logins in their Reading records.
- Read with your child 4 times a week, asking them questions about the story and characters. Encourage your child to write in their reading book with you as this will help them to move up the reading rainbow reward chart.
- Ensure your child wears their PE kit to school on a **Monday and Thursday**.
- Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school each day.

Key dates:

4th January- School Opens
Wk beg 29th January- Parent consultations.
19th- 23rd February- Half Term
7th March- World Book Day
27th March- Year 2 Class Assembly
28th March- Spring term finishes