

## ENGLISH

This half-term, the children will be studying myths from Ancient Greece, linking with our history topic. They will begin by examining a wide range of techniques used by authors to create mood, such as figurative language and short sentences. Further, they will practise their oracy skills using role-play to understand the characters from these stories. There will be a special emphasis on how the students organise their narrative writing, with a focus on the use of colons, semi-colons, and embedded clauses to vary sentence types.

## SCIENCE

In the science topic, 'Living things and their habitats', pupils will be examining the life cycles of plants, mammals, amphibians and birds. They will study pollination and how plants produce new seeds as well as investigate the stages of insect metamorphosis.

## PE

In our second dance unit, students will focus on facial expression and spatial awareness. In outdoor PE, students will learn how to set goals to improve their skills in running, jumping and throwing. The children will visit Forest Gate Community school to experience PE there.

## PSHE

The features of 'Relationships' will be looked at in this unit of PSHE. Learning will focus on developing self-esteem and self-worth. The lessons will examine and compare different types of friendships, both online and in person, and how they can be developed in a healthy way.

## MUSIC

This half-term, pupils will continue to learn how to strum simple chords on a guitar and to apply basic rhythmic patterns in popular music songs which they recognise. Special attention will be placed on the correct use of the dominant hand to ensure that children develop good

## FRENCH

Pupils will learn to give and follow directions and use comparative language, which they will practise as they explore different French-speaking countries.

## MATHEMATICS

Throughout this half-term, students will study angles and measure them with protractors. Pupils will be taught to recognise various angles and how to use this knowledge to determine missing ones. In addition, children in Year 5 will learn to draw angles with a protractor and study angles within regular polygons. They will then use equal sides and angles to distinguish between regular and irregular polygons. In addition, students will distinguish 3-D shapes from 2-D representations, such as cubes and other cuboids.

## COMPUTING

This half term, students will look into the different ways in which computers can detect their surroundings, as well as use BBC Micro:bit microchips and the MakeCode programming language to develop their own robotic helper!

## RE

'Thankfulness' will be explored from religious and non-religious perspectives, focusing on collaboration and student-led discussions. Children will investigate the impact of beliefs on behaviour and comprehend and contrast views on gratitude from other religions.

## HISTORY

Ancient Greece is the history focus this half-term. Children will learn about people's daily lives and beliefs, participating in in-school workshops to help deepen their understanding. Distinctions between Sparta and Athens will be studied, involving research on Ancient Greek war objects. Children will pick which citizenship they would choose and why. In addition, they will create a chronology of major events that occurred in that period.

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