

The Odyssey

We have saved the best until last! For our last topic in Year Five we will be looking at Ancient Greece. This will be a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world. This overview is a brief introduction of some of the aspects of Greek life we will be looking at.

Language: Lot of the words we use come from ancient Greece, for example the suffix –ology. We will be looking at the Greek alphabet and the origins of many of our words – we will find out what “ology” means!

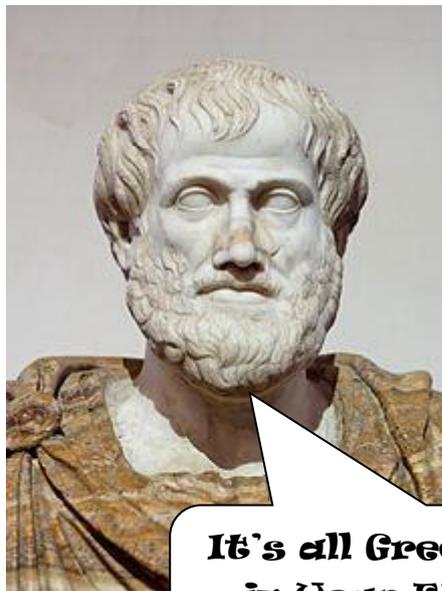
Greek schools: Did all children go to school? How old were children when they started and left school? What subjects did they learn at school? What games did they play? What equipment did they have?

Ancient Greece - has to include: Olympic Games!

We will be looking at the origins, how the first games were played.

We will compare the ancient and modern Olympic games.

We may even hold our own mini Olympic Games – but all athletes will be fully clothed!”



Thinkers and philosophers:

We will be finding out how ancient Greek scholars such as Socrates, Pythagoras, Plato, Hippocrates and Archimedes have contributed to our knowledge and understanding of the world. Lots of philosophical discussions!

It's all Greek to me - but in Year Five it will all make sense soon!

Greek Architecture:



Lots of our modern buildings have ancient Greek features. We will be using the internet to help us find examples of buildings that use Greek styles of architecture.

The Odyssey: Our Reading work will focus on lots of Greek stories. For example, we will read ‘The Odyssey’. This epic legend tells the story of Odysseus, who was a heroic Greek king of Ithaca. The tale includes lots of wonderful adventures, strange creatures and exciting battles.



Things and dates to remember: We will continue to swim for the first 2 weeks of term.

June: Tuesday 26th: Sports Day, Friday 29th: INSET day

July: Monday 2nd: INSET day, Friday 6th: Reports out, Saturday 7th: Summer Fete, Thursday 12th: Open Evening, Monday 16th: Year 6 Leavers assembly, Friday 20th: End of term.