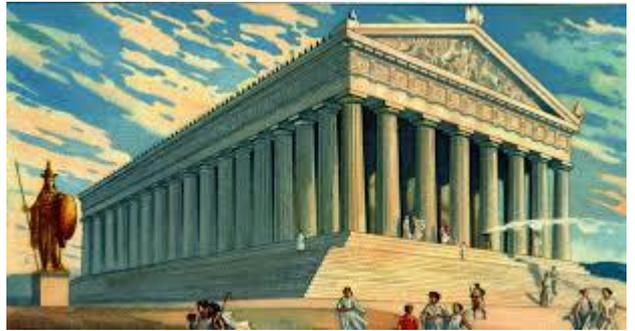


## Faster, Higher, Stronger - Summer 2

I hope you all had a fantastic break and are looking forward to the final 'sprint' towards summer. Our final theme this year is based on the Olympics and the Ancient Greeks.



### English

We will focus on looking at some of the many Greek Myths, identifying similar themes and using our findings to create our own stories. We will then have a verbal retelling, as the Ancient Greeks would have passed on stories verbally rather than writing them down. We will have a go at writing and acting out short plays considering the features of that style of text.

As always, will continue to develop our spelling, punctuation and grammar skills (SPaG) throughout our reading and writing work as well as specific focused lessons.

**How you can help:** whilst your child is reading to you, encourage them to locate challenging vocabulary, discuss the meaning with them and get them to use it in their own sentence; talk about the story so far and make predictions using clues in the text; encourage them to say why they think or believe in something using words such as 'because'; continue to learn spellings with your child making it fun by using the activities sheet that I have sent home.

### Maths

We will pull together all of the learning that we have done this year, fill in any gaps that are there and ensure sound knowledge of decimals and the four operations.

**How you can help:** continue to learn the times tables with your child and get them involved with as much real-world problem solving as possible. They can help you to work out costs and change when out and about, help them to see shapes and patterns as you travel around and help them to learn key facts such as how many centimetres are in a metre and what a prime number is. Transum.org has some good activities, many of which are free, and I also like multiplication.com because it has some fun games that can be customised. Hit the button is a great game to play to develop times tables knowledge. Our times tables tests will continue to be mixed times tables and will be word problems and reasoning questions. If your child still struggles with times tables, please keep up learning them weekly.

[www.nopressuremaths.com](http://www.nopressuremaths.com)

[www.transum.com](http://www.transum.com)

[www.mathsframe.co.uk](http://www.mathsframe.co.uk)

[www.multiplication.com](http://www.multiplication.com)

[www.activelearnprimary.com](http://www.activelearnprimary.com)

### Religious Education

In this half-term, we will explore the story and feelings associated with the story of the road to Emmaus; explore the story and feelings associated with the transformation of Saul; identify the fruits of the Holy Spirit and say how they have the power to change; investigate how we can change the way we live our lives by thinking about the power of the Holy Spirit.



## Science

We will explore how our bodies change as we grow older - this will also be covered by our Puberty Talks where the children will be taught certain parts of puberty by the school nurse.

## Art

We will study the human form and explore how to make sketches of people. Our focus will be sport to tie-in with our Olympic topic and we will try different ways to show movement such as blurred lines and smudges. We will explore the style of some artists and will focus on the style of Julian Opie. We will have a go at making our own art inspired by his work and, if there is time, we will make a digital flip book in his style. We will also explore Greek pots and maybe create one of our own.



## P.E.

On Monday afternoons, we will develop our skills associated with striking games. We will focus on fielding, catching, striking and using space in the game of cricket. We will develop our skills before building up to some mini games adapted from the actual game of cricket.

On Thursday afternoons, we will continue to go swimming. We will walk to Ribby Hall and have our lessons with fully qualified swimming teachers. Please come and see me if your child has any anxieties about swimming lessons.

## Computing

We will finish off our coding from last half-term exploring ways in which we can create games using code. We then look at how databases can be used to store information and allow quick searches.

## History

We will explore where Greece lies in the world, using maps, and look at how the climate and natural features have influenced man-made features and the land use. We will use secondary sources to find out what life was like in Ancient Greece and identify how we know what life was like back then. We will learn about their beliefs and the myths and how they governed their cities. We will hopefully look at the battle between Athens and Sparta before moving on to the birth of the Olympics and the legacy of Ancient Greece.



## Music

Year 5 will continue to be taught by Mrs. Mallinson, our music specialist on Friday mornings.

## MFL

Year 5 will continue to be taught by Mrs. Spacey on Friday mornings. We will explore the beach and seaside this half-term.

Please come in to see me after school if you have any issues or concerns, or make an appointment through the office.

Thank you.

Mr. Knight