



YEAR 3 - Spring 1

OUR TOPIC FOR THIS HALF TERM:

In History, we will be learning about the Ancient Greeks. We will be identifying where Ancient Greece fits on a historical timeline and locating it on a map. Following this, we will be learning about what life was like, what a city-state was and identify the specific purpose of the Acropolis and the Agora. We will also learn about Greek gods and goddesses.

In Geography, we will be learning about 'Natural Resources and Energy'. We will look at different natural resources and their uses, and consider the effects these have on the environment.

In Science, we will be learning about 'Light' and that in the absence of light (darkness) we rely on senses other than sight. We will discuss that the Sun gives us heat and light, and that this is essential for life. Finally, we will learn about shadows and reflections.

In Music, the children will continue developing their Samba skills using a variety of instruments. They will learn to layer rhythms and try a variety of Samba instruments.

OUR TEXTS:

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In writing, we will be writing texts based on
The Iron Man by Ted Hughes.



In whole class reading, the will start by

reading The Sheep Pig. We will be using skills of inference, retrieval, summarising predicting and vocabulary to answer daily questions.



KEY LEARNING IN MATHS:

In Maths we are beginning multiplication and division where we will heavily focus on our fact family knowledge.

Example:

$$4 \times 3 = 12$$

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$$12 \div 4 = 3$$

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We will continue consolidating counting in 2's, 5's and 10 and practising our 3, 4 and 8 times tables.



WHERE CAN YOU FIND OUT MORE?

You can use these websites to find out about your child's learning at home.

[Light - KS2 Science - BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zktyvwx#zksfvw)

<https://play.trockstars.com/>

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HELPING AT HOME:

- It is important you help your child practise their times tables at home. Times Table Rockstars logins remain the same.
- It is important that you read with your child as much as possible (at least 3 times per week). Please

USEFUL VOCABULARY:

History	Science	Maths
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Olympics city state philosophy myths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> light source dark transparent translucent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> multiplication array division sharing grouping



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39>

remember to sign your child's reading record every time you read.

- Spellings

- trade
- democ
racy

- opaque
- sunlight

- lots of

REMINDERS:

Reading books and spellings are to be brought in on Thursday to be changed for Friday – 5 dojos each.

PE days are Monday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor).