

Prime learning challenge:

What impact have the Athenians and Spartans had on the way we live modern life?

Introduction

This term we will experience the life of the Ancient Greeks in order to find out about their legacy and what we still use today. Even after 3,000 years, we're still using ancient Greek ideas in maths, science and art. Our alphabet is based on the Greek one. Check a dictionary and you'll find hundreds of words that come from the Greek language.

How did Greek ideas spread so far? It's down to Alexander, the young king of Macedonia. He led his army to take over Greece, Persia, Egypt and even part of India. He ruled so much of the world they called him 'Alexander the Great'.

Wherever he went, Alexander took Greek ideas. When he died in 323BC, the Romans took over. They admired the Greeks' way of life and carried Greek ideas to even more countries - including ours!



The Greeks
then and now!

Learning Overview

As **writers** the children will explore the famous Greek myths and will create their own narrative detailing the challenges faced and the heroes of the day. After researching Daedalus and Icarus, the children will become journalists then write a newspaper report about the tragic events and the lessons to be learnt after upsetting the Gods.

As **geographers**, the children will be looking at a world map to understand the countries and continents that the Ancient Greeks went to. As **historians**, the children will consider and answer questions such as: What was life like in Ancient Greece? Who were the Greek Gods and heroes? How did the Olympic games begin? What prompted wars and battles? How was the idea of democracy initiated? Which inventions are linked to the Ancient Greeks. As **artists**, the children will be sculpting mythical masks out of clay and looking at ways of developing their skills in painting.

In other areas of the curriculum, the children will be focussing on Multiplication and division before applying this knowledge to dealing with fractions and developing their leadership skills by putting on a mini Olympics!