

Maple Class

Welcome back to the Spring Term; we hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing and healthy Christmas. We have got lots of exciting activities planned for the children.

Our learning challenge questions for this term are 'Why do so many people choose to go to the Mediterranean for their holidays?' and 'Why did their Gods rule the ancient Greeks?'

The story we will be focussing on for the first half term is The mystery of the melting snowman by Florence Heide, followed in the second half of the term by Who let the Gods out by Maz Evans. These books link with the work the children will be learning about in their science and geography lessons this term.

Please see the key objectives below:

## Main Learning: The Mediterranean for holidays

Key knowledge
<b>Know why the Mediterranean is an attractive holiday destination</b>
Locate the Mediterranean on a map and globe
Know which countries are on the Mediterranean coast
Consider the climate of the UK and that of the Mediterranean each month
Compare and contrast a holiday resort on the Mediterranean with that of one in the UK
Consider similarities and differences of food, language, lifestyle, especially jobs

Vocabulary	
<b>Paella</b>	A rice dish which usually includes prawns
<b>All-inclusive</b>	A holiday hotel where food and drinks have been included in the original price
<b>vacation</b>	A period of not working - originally an American term
<b>olives</b>	Fruit that grow in olive groves and very popular in the Mediterranean
<b>Feta cheese</b>	A white rubbery cheese usually cut into cubes and served as part of a Greek salad
<b>Greek islands</b>	A group of islands off the Greek coast which are very popular holiday destinations



## Subject: History Main Learning: Civilizations - Ancient Greeks








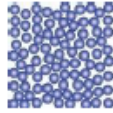
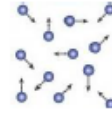
Key knowledge
<b>Know what the Ancient Greeks gave the world</b>
Know why the Ancient Greeks were more advanced than Ancient Britons
Know what the Ancient Greeks introduced that we benefit from today
Know how the Ancient Greeks were influenced by their Gods
Know how important philosophy and democracy was in helping the Greeks to be remembered today
Know what the main characteristics of the Spartans and the Athenians were

Vocabulary	
<b>philosophy</b>	Is a way of thinking about the world, the universe, and society
<b>Athenians</b>	Residents of the ancient city-state of Greece, Athens, in around the 5th century BC
<b>Spartans</b>	Believed that strict discipline and a tough upbringing was the secret to making the best soldiers
<b>democracy</b>	Allowing citizens to make their own decisions for their personal lives
<b>Zeus</b>	The supreme God of the Olympians
<b>Olympics</b>	The ancient Olympic Games were originally a festival, or celebration of Zeus



In Science we are going to be learning about states of matter. Our Learning Challenge question is 'How would we survive without water?'

Please see the key objectives below:

Subject Specific Vocabulary		What changes state when heated?		Sticky Knowledge about states of matter	
freeze	A liquid that hardens into a solid by becoming very cold	1	chocolate 	1	Group materials based on their state of matter (solid, liquid, gas)
solid	Is sturdy and substantial with particles packed closely together	2	bread 	2	Know the temperature at which materials change state
Celsius	A scale of temperature on which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100°	3	butter 	3	Know about and explore how some materials can change state
Fahrenheit	Another way of measuring temperature	4	metals 	4	Know the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle
evaporation	When liquid changes into gas, usually when it heats up	5	paper 	<b>Additional sticky knowledge</b>	
condensation	When water vapour that is around us changes from a gas back to liquid	6	water 		
gas	Gas is a state of matter that we cannot see	  	<b>Solid</b> <b>Liquid</b> <b>Gas</b>	2	Know which materials have three states, e.g. gas, liquid and solid.
oxygen	A colourless gas that we need to breath in to stay alive			3	Know the names of some gases, e.g. oxygen, carbon dioxide
liquid	Is the intermediate between gas and a solid				
temperature	The measurement of how hot or cold an object is				

### Reading

Reading is an essential part of children's educational development and we expect children to read every day. They have the freedom to choose their own book from our collection (children are advised to read their book band level but are not limited to this, as we promote a passion for reading based on children's interests). We ask that your child records their reading in their diary and when you listen to their reading, please could you record this and any comments.

### Maths

In Maths we are using the White Rose maths scheme supplemented with additional useful resources. This term we will be covering multiplication and division, length and perimeter, fractions, mass and capacity, and decimals (Y4 only). Each morning Maple class complete short activities to practise their times tables which is an essential skill for all their maths learning. In the summer term, Year 4 children will be completing a Multiplication Tables Check (MTC), to test their knowledge and recall of their times tables. Mathletics is an excellent curriculum resource which we would encourage you to utilise at home with the children to complement work being taught in the classroom. Each child has their own username and password to access Mathletics.

### PE

The children will have P.E every Monday and Thursday. Children must come dressed in their PE kits on both of these days. The children will be outside, where possible, so please make sure they are dressed appropriately for all weather conditions.

## Spellings

The children have a weekly spelling test on a Thursday, they will receive a copy of their new spellings on Friday.

We are always on the lookout for parent readers so please speak to either of us if you are interested in listening to readers for an hour or two each week.

Also, please keep checking our class page on the school website as we will update this as regularly as we can, showing the wonderful things we do in Maple class!

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Mrs Montgomery and Mrs Christy