The Ancient Greeks

KS2 learning focus second half Autumn Term

Theme Aspiration

The main thread running through this Unit is to identify what we have learned from the Greeks and how their culture can influence us with ideas, even today.

Pupils can help prepare the classroom accordingly for the topic of Ancient Greece, including researching dress and preparing an example.

The Unit launch lesson aims to explain how we can all be affected by past experience and the thoughts of others within our own lifetime starting where we are and what we understand as advice and instruction. Pupils will recount stories real or imagined which demonstrate learning from the advice of others. They will also create role-plays which demonstrate understanding that we can be discerning about advice and think for ourselves. This should be a very enjoyable and active session that is scheduled to take about 2 hours, but could feature humorous or tragic events.

In English the class will be studying two myths and writing their own myths. Linking with geography they will research and present a 'Home and Away' type television presentation.

In history pupils will be studying Ancient Greek civilisation and reflecting on how our civilisation is connected through sport, art, philosophy, architecture, and theatre.

They will have a chance to explore areas of personal interest and build board games, design and make pots and write their own myths. For example some pupils may want to explore the Greek gods and mythological creatures in more depth.

For the geographical comparative study the children have a mystery suitcase activity for visiting the Aegean islands and the Hebrides to compare the similarities and differences between two groups of islands.

In art they will be making pots illustrated with the ideas from their invented myth.

Computing in this Unit is embedded in the form of research. This is a good opportunity to understand how wiki's and resources like Wikipedia are created and how their contents can be sometimes unreliable. The class could create a class wiki of shared research when exploring the Greek gods.