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Dear Parents/Carers of Marine Academy Primary **Year 3** pupils,

Each term, we send you a letter to let you know what your child will be learning about in each subject. This term, Year 3 will be learning about **Ancient Greece** in their **History** lessons and will find answers to the following questions before using their knowledge to produce an end of unit piece.

1. How was Ancient Greece organised?
2. What was the Golden Age of Greece?
3. What did the Greeks believe?
4. Where did the Olympic Games begin?
5. Who won the Peloponnesian War?
6. Why was Alexander so great?



Greece is a country in Europe, but people have been living in that area for a very long time. The people who were living there thousands of years ago are called the Ancient Greeks, and a lot of their contributions help to make up our society today. They even invented the Olympics! We have learned a lot from Ancient Greek philosophy, language, theatre, medicine, government and more. A knowledge organiser, sharing all of the information that the children will learn about in their History lessons, is attached. Please feel free to use this with your child to develop their knowledge and understanding at home.



In **Science**, the children will be learning about magnets and their uses, and what makes magnetic poles special. They will observe the forces that magnets produce and how magnetic forces can act at a distance; name some materials that magnets can attract and some they cannot; and explain what a magnetic pole is and what it can do.

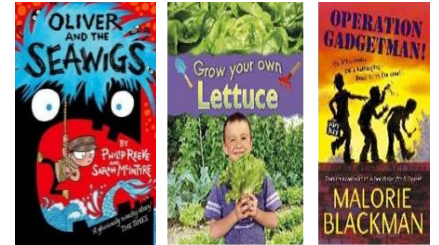


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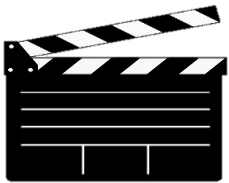
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In **English**, the children's writing will be based on the book 'Oliver and the Seawigs' by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre and the text 'Grow Your Own Lettuce' by Helen Lanz. In their **Whole Class Reading** sessions, they will be studying 'Operation Gadgetman' by Malorie Blackman.



In **Maths**, children will learn about fractions, including adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominators and solving problems involving comparing and ordering of fractions. The children will also study money and time, which will consist of comparing units and developing their accuracy.

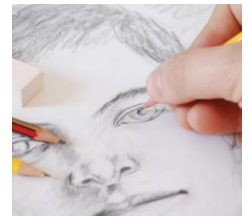
In **RE**, the children will explore the question 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?' and in **SMSC**, the children will learn about 'Being My Best'.



In **Computing** lessons, the children will be learning about Stop-Frame Animation. They will create a story using animation after planning it on a storyboard.

In **Art**, they will be developing their observational drawing techniques, and in **Spanish**, they will recall their previous learning on colours, animals and food.

This term, **PE** will take place on Wednesday - children should wear their PE kit to school on this day please.



Yours sincerely,

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## Knowledge Organiser – Ancient Greece - Year 3

Vocabulary	Definition
<b>Hellas / Hellenes</b>	What Ancient Greece and its people used to call themselves.
<b>Polis</b>	A city state, like a small country within region of Greece.
<b>Golden Age</b>	The height of Classical Greek civilisation. Produced during this time were many of the best works of architecture, art, literature, and philosophy.
<b>Pythagoras</b>	Mathematician and philosopher.
<b>Socrates</b>	One of the first and greatest philosophers.
<b>Plato</b>	Student of Socrates. Set up the first University called the Academy.
<b>Aristotle</b>	Student of Plato and tutor to Alexander the Great.
<b>Alexander the Great</b>	King of Macedonia who conquered many lands.
<b>Agora</b>	A place where people meet to make decisions and vote.
<b>BCE</b>	"Before the Common Era" The number of years before Jesus was born.



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Greek Gods		
<b>Zeus</b>		King of the Gods, and also of sky and thunder.
<b>Poseidon</b>		God of the sea.
<b>Athena</b>		Goddess of wisdom and warfare.
<b>Ares</b>		God of war and chaos.
<b>Apollo and Artemis</b>		God of the sun and Goddess of the moon.
<b>Prometheus</b>		A Titan who stole fire from Olympus and gave it to humans.
<b>Heracles</b>		Son of Zeus. Half God, half human, and hero of many adventures.



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## Important Places

Athens	City named after Athena. Birthplace of democracy.
Crete	An island just south of the Greek mainland.
Macedonia	Home to Alexander the Great.
Mount Olympus	Highest mountain in Greece and home to the Greek Gods.
Olympia	Site of the original Olympic Games
Peloponnese	The part of Greece where the Spartans lived.
Sparta	City-state famous for training boys as warriors.



