



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Year 5 Summer 2

Friday 5th June 2026

Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed the half-term break and survived the hot weather! The children have settled back into school routine well, ready for the last half term in Year 5.

Learning Challenge

This half term, we'll be asking the big question: "*Ancient Greece – Why is it important today?*" The children will be learning about the geography of Greece, how early civilisations developed, and some of the key events that shaped Ancient Greek history, including the Battle of Marathon. We'll also be looking at Greek mythology, gods and goddesses, the origins of democracy, warfare, and of course, the Olympic Games. The children will also have an opportunity to make some Greek food during an Ancient Greece themed day (no costumes required!).

Homework

We encourage the children to complete the following homework every week:

- **Read** 3 times a week (written and signed in homework diary by Friday).
- Practise their **spellings** (tested and handed out every Friday). Spellings are also assigned weekly on Spelling Shed, which children are able to log onto at home.
- One piece from the **learning challenge** homework grid (due in every Monday).

P.E.

P.E. will continue to be on a Wednesday afternoon. This term, children will be doing athletics and football. Children should come into school in their PE kit on this day, with their school jumper. Earrings should be taken out for PE (or taped until they can be removed). If a child does not wear the correct PE kit to school, they may not be able to do PE.

Sun Care

With the hotter weather now here, please ensure your child brings a water bottle, a sunhat and their own sun cream into school every day. These items should be labelled where possible.

Important Dates

Wednesday 17th June	Sports Day
Monday 29th June	Ancient Greece Day – NO DRESS UP

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Sargeant, Miss Feather and Mr Morris

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Respecting




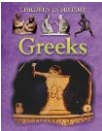

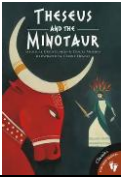
Thriving Together



Bishopswood Federation work together to develop kind and considerate children who are resilient, reflective and motivated learners, ready for the challenges that the future holds.

At Bishopswood, we offer a rich and diverse curriculum that engages all children. Enriched activities that motivate children, enhancing their life opportunities is something that is very important to us.

Ancient Greece – Why is it important today?

Subject	Areas Covered
Learning Enrichment	Monday 29th June 2026 – Ancient Greece Day
Reading:	Who Let the Gods Out? By Maz Evans Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan Pegasus (poem) by Eleanor Farjeon Children in History <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;">   </div>
Writing:	Text focus 1: Who Let the Gods Out? By Maz Evans Character description Non-chronological report Text focus 2: Theseus and the Minotaur Narrative retells of Ancient Greek myths <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;">   </div>
Mathematics	Decimals Add and subtract decimals Sequence decimals Multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000 Negative Numbers Count through 0 in ones and multiples Compare and order negative numbers Find the difference between negative numbers Volume and Converting Units Converting units of length and weight Converting between imperial and metric units converting units of time and reading timetables calculating the volume of 3D objects
History	Ancient Greece Locate Greece on a map and identify key human and physical geography Understand that Ancient Greece was made of city states and the ensuing politics Explain how democracy was formed and compare to Britain today Learn about religion of Ancient Greece and the gods and goddesses worshipped Compare the ancient Olympics to the modern games
DT	Greek Food Explore what constitutes a balanced diet Design and produce packaging for a Greek food item Make and taste Greek dips and flatbread Write a recipe
Computing	Meet the Microbit Programming the Microbit Create computer simulations Write and evaluate code
Science	Forces 2 Investigate levers, pulleys and gears Hydraulics and pneumatics Forces at work
Spanish	Tradiciones y Celebraciones Learn about popular festivals and traditions in Spain and Spanish speaking countries. Focus on Reading in Spanish and translating into English.
Music	Greek Tragedy Respond to music Use a range of percussive and tuned instruments Compose music to accompany a Greek myth
Physical Education	Football – balance, movement, coordination, teamwork, sportsmanship Athletics – speed, perseverance, balance, throwing, jumping, stamina, skill
RE	Jesus Through Imagery Explain the concept of imagery and how images of Jesus express Christian beliefs Evaluate images of Jesus and explain their importance and value to believers Appreciate other forms of imagery in Christianity and how it can aid worship
My Happy Mind	Appreciate What is appreciation? How can we appreciate others and what they do for us?