

In **Maths**, we will continue to work on our decimals unit, focusing on adding and subtracting decimals, sequencing and then multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000. We will then move onto a short unit on negative numbers before starting our converting units topic. This will include converting units of length and converting between imperial and metric units. We will also focus on conversions in time including minutes, hours, days, weeks and years. Our final unit in maths will focus on volume and capacity.

History - We will be studying the Ancient Greeks, and more specifically the influences that they have had on our world today. We will focus on 6 main areas: the Greek alphabet, architecture, arts, democracy, the Olympics and philosophy. We will be looking at how these have influenced our world today and how they might have changed over time. To do this, children will study different primary and secondary sources, which illustrate how life was lived in Ancient Greece. The children will then be drawing conclusions about the most important influence the Greeks have had on our lives today.

In our **French lessons**, the children will be learning about habitats! The children will be learning the French words for the things that animals need to survive and the different habitats they are found in.

In **Music** this half term, the children will be playing with pentatonics! They will be identifying this scale in various traditional and modern songs too.



English will continue with the Greek theme as the children explore the adventures of Odysseus and then use this to inspire their own writing. After exploring Greek myths, the children will then learn about two contrasting Ancient Greek states – Athens and Sparta. They will then use this knowledge to write their own balanced arguments about which state was superior. We are so excited to see what the children produce! We also will continue with our daily reading tasks and weekly spelling lessons (list can be found fortnightly on Google Classroom and Spelling Shed).

Our **HeartSmart** principle for this half term is 'No Way Through, Isn't True' as the children learn all about being resilient. They will explore different strategies to improve their perseverance and also how to manage change effectively.

In **Art**, the children will be researching Greek pottery, which will help to inspire their own designs for a Greek pot. We will then use clay to bring our designs to life!

PE will take place twice a week. On a Monday, some children will be going swimming whilst the remainder of the year group will be having tennis outdoor. On a Thursday, the children will have their second PE lesson on the week. Please provide tape and hair ties as needed.

We cannot wait to continue our **Science** lessons this half term on Living Things and their Habitats! The children will have a unique opportunity to construct, research, care for, observe and take temperature and water level readings to hatch mayflies in the classroom. The children will be able to observe the lifecycle of the mayflies from larvae to fully formed adult insects. These will then be released back into their native habitat. The children will also learn about the importance of clean water, good habitats and diverse aquatic ecosystems. The children will learn about the life cycles of amphibians, birds, reptiles, insects and mammals. They will identify which insects experience complete or incomplete metamorphosis, and research the gestation period and life expectancy of mammals. Our last unit for the year is Animals, including Humans. The children will be able to describe the changes as humans develop from birth to old age identifying similarities and differences that boys and girls go through during puberty.

In **Computing**, the children will be required to develop their coding skills further by programming a micro:bit to become a pedometer. The software we will use is similar to Scratch, so we know the children will develop their knowledge quickly.

Dates your diary:

Some children are swimming on Monday 12th June, Monday 19th June, Monday 26th June, Monday 3rd July, Monday 10th July and Monday 17th July.
Taster Day at Brighton Hill Secondary School: Thursday 6th July (please complete the permission form google document ASAP)