

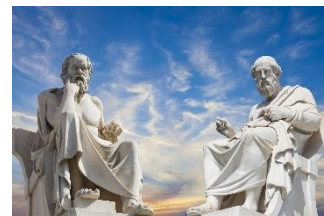
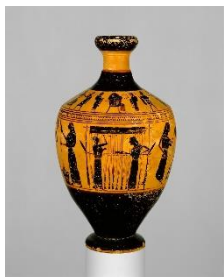


ST. DUNSTAN'S

Year 3 Rationale

Spring 2nd Half Term

What is the legacy of the Ancient Greeks?



In our school we are very aware of helping others especially when we fundraise for those who are not as fortunate as we are. The Ancient Greeks also thought of others and they had a system of government that was 'by the people'. The children will learn that the system of democratic government we have today is very similar. Equality is something that the Ancient Greeks thought was very important however, in their system only men could vote. This will provide an ideal opportunity for the learners to discuss how fair their system actually was.

Education was highly important for the Ancient Greeks; they took great pride in their modern way of thinking and the new ideas they generated. Hippocrates was famous for his ideas about medicine and doctors today still take the Hippocratic oath – to be honest and truthful. Socrates and Plato also thought about interesting questions such as 'What is a good life'? This links directly with our R.E topics of 'Listening and Sharing' and 'Giving All'. In both of these topics the children will think about listening to the word of God and sharing in Holy Communion.

The Ancient Greeks loved theatre and language and they left us a lasting legacy. The Greek myths have morals to teach us that are still relevant today. The themes of fairness and persevering that run through many of the stories are also a mainstay of the Olympic Games. The children in our classes are always encouraged to try their best at everything they do just like the Olympic athletes of their time.