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Classical Civilisation

Classical Civilisation is introduced to year 3 as a one year course.

The purpose of the course is to enable children to explore the ideas of the ancient world of Greece and Rome, relating to the birth of the universe and the world of the gods and goddesses and heroes. Thus, the creative and imaginative potential that lies within each child is drawn out to respond, as it will, to what is presented in a mythological context.

The course is pursued through the medium of the myths, stories and pictures (including those of the children's own making) that have been handed down over the centuries. In particular, the children will meet the great twelve Olympian deities who were believed to have an influence, usually benign, over the lives of mortals.

They will also use the book of "The World of Odysseus" to explore the stories of heroes of the classical world through the story of the fall of the Troy and Odysseus's return to Ithaca after the war.

Through this medium they will explore questions such as:

- The Ages of Man, albeit mythical
- Preservation
- Weaponry
- Housing
- Role of men and women in the Ancient world.

All this in one lesson per week.

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