

The Great the Bold and the Brave

Explaining the Theme

The big idea

The history of western civilisation begins with the Greeks and the Romans. Their expanding empires helped to spread ideas about architecture, food, entertainment, literature, science, medicine and politics across the globe. As their empires ended, other cultures rose to prominence, absorbing and passing on their own ideas and cultures – creating the world we know today.

In History, we'll be finding out:

- Finding out about the Greek city-states of Athens and Sparta
- Exploring the political systems in Athens and Sparta
- Finding out about the Persian Wars and their impact on Greece
- Learning about Athenian life by studying the Parthenon
- Finding out about the origins of the Olympic Games
- Planning and performing our own Greek play
- Finding out about Alexander the Great
- Discovering why Rome had a republic and then an emperor
- Finding out about daily life in Ancient Rome
- Exploring the impact of Roman invasion on another country
- Understanding the cause and effect of the fall of the Roman Empire
- Learning about people and culture through archaeological evidence
- Performing a case-study of Britain, from Roman occupation to the Norman Conquest

In Music, we'll be finding out:

- Learning about the role of the Greek chorus and writing our own songs

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- Finding out about Ancient Greek and Roman art
- Creating our own piece of art in a Greek or Roman style

In International, we'll be finding out:

- Finding out about the effects of invasion on countries around the world.