



Year 5



Topic...

Our topic this half term is *Ancient Greece*. We have been exploring what the greatest legacy of the period is. So far we have explored Democracy and asked the question, *Was Ancient Greek democracy really democracy?*

We found out that while Athens was the birthplace of democracy, it was very different to the democracy we know today. Did you know that the word democracy comes from the Greek words *Dêmos* (which means people) and *krátos* (which means rule or strength). However, only Athenian men who were not slaves were eligible to vote.

Maths... Pi day - Monday 14th March

On Pi day we explored pi is and what it is used for. As part of this we explored the Babylonian number system where they use base 60 instead of the base 10 that we use today. We practised writing different numbers using the two symbols that the Babylonians used. In the afternoon, we learnt about different mathematicians and produced a poster about the one who most inspired us. We had a superb day!

Pictures...



Some of the children in Naidu creating art inspired by Pi. Some of them filled the Pi symbol with lots of mathematical symbols while others created a web following the digits of Pi.

English...

Our English unit at the moment is balanced arguments. The children have been presenting both sides of the argument for which is the greatest city-state of Ancient Greece. We have used cohesion and debate phrases to present our points and then elaborated on the main points.

Reminder...

Please remember to send your child to school with a full and fresh water bottle each day. Learning is thirsty work, especially as the weather begins to warm up!