

Treehouse Theatre

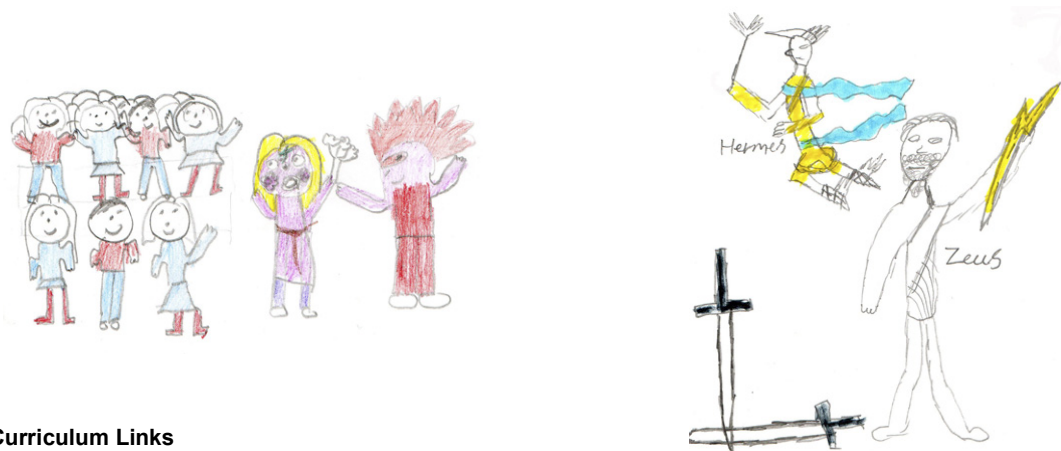
A Play-in-a-Day War and Peace in Ancient Greece

"An excellent presentation of Greek life – humorous and informative" Foxhills Junior School, Hampshire

'War and Peace in Ancient Greece' is a lively and humorous journey through 100 years of Greek History, from war with Persia to the fall of Classical Athens. We see events through the eyes of Zeus, and the tragic Olympian hero, Alcibiades.

Theatre, athletics, music, mythology and warfare combine to show us a world trying to be fair and civilised, and not always quite managing it.

"The resource pack was full of ideas we have used to make the day more enjoyable for the children. Loved the Greek lunchbox idea" Hamworthy Middle school



Curriculum Links

History: The play is linked to

- 2014 KS2 History Curriculum Unit "Ancient Greece – a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western World"
- The former QCA History Scheme of Work Unit 14 "Who were the Ancient Greeks", and Unit 15 "How do we use Ancient Greek ideas today".

Drama: Various performance techniques are introduced, including: Mask work; Breathing for Acting; Voice work and Characterisation

Main topics covered in the Play

- The creation myth (Titanomachia)
- Greek war tactics – the phalanx, use of triremes
- The Persian Wars & victory by Greece
- Differences between Athens and Sparta
- How the marathon was born
- The Peloponnesian wars – Sparta retreats from Athens
- A Day at the Olympics – Alcibiades becomes an Olympian hero
- The Pentathlon
- Role of religion at the Olympics
- The Pankration
- Politics – the Assembly and Greek democracy
- Alcibiades becomes a politician
- Shopping in the Agora
- Greek daily life
- Greek masked theatre - seen as a play within a play: Persephone and the Pomegranate Seeds
- The disgrace, exile and assassination of Alcibiades
- The end of the Peloponnesian wars – Sparta defeats Athens
- The legacy of Ancient Greece



"I enjoyed the day so much, especially performing in front of the rest of year 5"

"My favourite part was performing the songs. I liked being Herapedes the soldier and doing a speech"