

Knowledge Organisers

Text: The Odyssey.

Dear parents/carers,

Attached is your child's knowledge organiser which is the text they are currently covering in class.

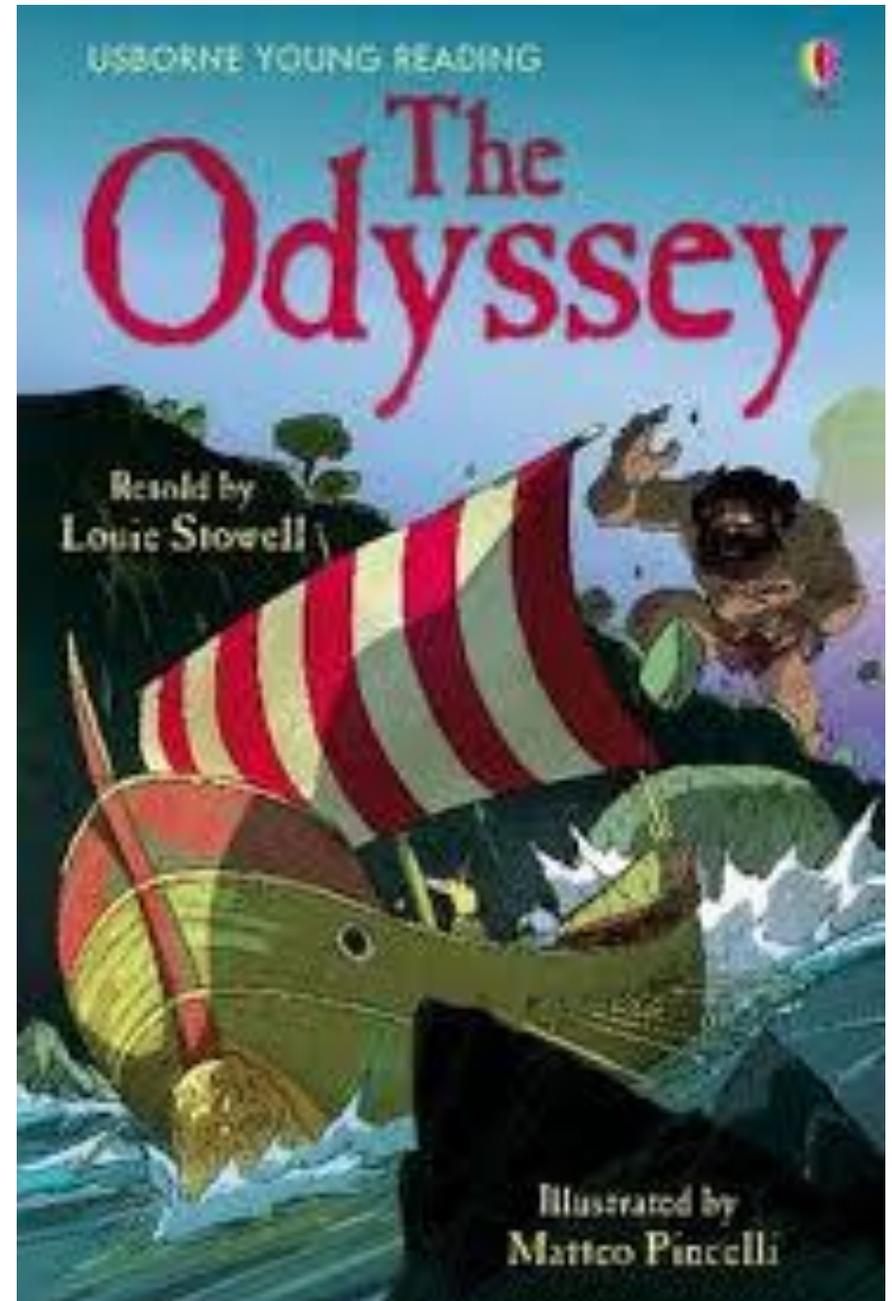
At David Livingstone, we have started to use knowledge organisers to provide children and parents with key information that pupils will need to know, in order to fully understand their text.

Children will be quizzed regularly on these facts to ensure that they are committed to memory.

We hope you find the knowledge organisers useful and supportive. Please spend time going over the information with your child at home to support them with their learning journey.

Please speak to your teacher or a member of the senior leadership team if you have any further questions.

Many thanks,
Miss Bedford



Context Knowledge Overview

Year group: 4

Title: The Odyssey

Author: Homer (The children are reading the retold version by Louie Stowell).

The Odyssey

<p>Author</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homer • Epic poet born between 12th-8th century BCE • First believed to be written at the end of the 8th century. 	<p>Oral Poetry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myths were used as a way of explaining the world • Oral poems were used as entertainment and a way of passing on traditions • Bards would tell stories aloud after dinner with music and drama. • Bard: a poet who traditionally recites epics and is associated with oral traditions.
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Geographical Focus

<p>City-state</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greece was made up of individual city-states that were each run like their own country. • They each had their own king, army and laws. • Across Greece these city-states shared languages, religion and some customs. 	
<p>Key City states</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mycenae, Sparta, Thessaly, Ithaca, Argos, Salamis, Pylos, Athens. • Troy (not part of Greece, but an important city-state on the other side of the Aegean sea) 	
<p>Continent and Capital.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greece is located on the continent of Europe. • The capital of Greece is Athens. 	
<p>Seas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greece is bordered by the Aegean, the Cretan, the Libyan and the Ionian seas. 	

Gods and Goddesses

- The Ancient Greeks believe in many different gods, each of them was in charge of a different aspect of life.

Zeus	king of the gods. God of lightning and thunder	Hera	goddess of marriage, wife of Zeus and queen of gods
Poseidon	god of sea, earthquakes, horses and storms as sea	Demeter	goddess of season, harvest and crops
Hermes	god of journeys and messenger of the gods	Hestia	goddess of the hearth (fireplace)
Apollo	god of medicine, music, poetry and the sun	Artemis	goddess of hunting, archer and the moon
Ares	god of war	Athene	god of wisdom, battle strategy and weaving
Hephaestus	god of metal and metalwork	Aphrodite	goddess of beauty and love
Hades	god of the underworld, death and jewels	<i>Demigods</i>	<i>Humans who have a god/goddess as a parent; half gods. They usually have something that makes them special or stand out and they often become heroes.</i>

Religious Practice

Honour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acting with courage and loyalty. All Greeks were expected to be honourable. Fighting for your city-state was a great way to demonstrate honour 	
Sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sporting contests were very popular because they showed how heroic, honourable and strong a man was and what a good soldier he would be 	
Trojan War (approximately 1200BCE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between the Greeks and the Trojans The first time the Greek city states fought together as one group; the Greeks The war last ten years because the walls of Troy were so difficult to breach 	