



Our History topic this term is Ancient Greece. We will be looking at Ancient Greek civilisation and culture as our main History and Geography topics.

In Science, our topic will be Earth and Space. Pupils will be taught to describe the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the sun in the solar system. The children will describe the movement of the moon relative to the Earth, describe the sun, Earth and moon as spherical bodies and use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night.

In PHSE we will consider what it means to think positively. The children will explore the elements of a balanced, healthy lifestyle, strategies to respond to feelings, choices and consequences and being present. After half term, the children will also explore people we love, thinking before you act, it is ok to disagree and strategies for recognising and managing peer influence. The children will continue to look at the importance of British Values.

In R.E. children will be learning about Justice and Freedom. The children will be examining the concept of justice and freedom and comparing concepts of justice. After half term, leading up to Christmas, children will be exploring the true meaning of Christmas. The children will think about what Christmas means to them and to Christians, to explain the importance of love at Christmas time in Christianity and debate about whether the true meaning of Christmas is lost.

In Art and Design, pupils will be recreating ancient Greek scenes using a variety of paints and cardboard sculpting skills to create a 3D Greek scene. They will also be using clay to make Greek jewellery based on ancient motifs and symbols and researching art and design of the ancient Greeks.



In Computing, children will be making a story-based adventure game. Online safety will continue to be a focus, please discuss this with your child especially if you allow them to go online with social media including games and conversations.

In PE lessons we will be learning the concept of Health Related Exercise, Netball, and a Greek inspired dance.

**Children will continue to come to school in their P.E. kit on their PE days. Please make sure your child has a suitable outdoor kit too (including a warm sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms). They need pumps for indoors and trainers for outdoors.**

In Literacy we will be reading texts/watching clips that involve stories by famous authors, non-fiction and a variety of narrative texts, including poetry. This term, our class text is the wonderful *Who Let the Gods Out*.

We will be following the Purple Mash Spelling scheme where children will be taught spelling patterns and rules.

Please help your child by:

- Encouraging your child to read from a wide range of materials, for at least 10 minutes each day and sign their diary;
- Reminding them to record their reading in their diary;
- Discussing their reading to ensure understanding;
- Encouraging them to write for pleasure e.g. stories, diaries, letters, e-mails; get them to check these through for correct punctuation being used.
- To practise the spellings with them.



In Maths we will be covering all areas of the Maths curriculum. It is important that the children practise their tables at home. Please help your child by:

- Encouraging them to **practise their tables** and the corresponding division facts. Children, by Yr5, should know all the tables.
- Taking opportunities to use and apply maths in everyday situations e.g. cooking, shopping and telling the time.
- Helping them complete any homework

### **SATs Preparation for Year 6 only**

SATs week w/b 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023, more details to follow.

### **Dates for your diary**

- Year 6 Residential Visit to Astley Burf: 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- Year 5 Assembly for parents Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- Year 6 Assembly for parents Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### **Homework**

Children record formal homework in their homework diaries and we would ask that parents check these regularly. Teachers will comment in diaries as and when necessary and parents are encouraged to do the same.

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Literacy/Spelling linked to weekly SPaG focus.: Friday to be returned the following Thursday.

Maths: Friday to be returned the following Thursday.

TT Rockstars: 20 sessions set every week by their maths teacher to be completed by Thursday. Any child who does not complete the homework on time, will have one warning and the opportunity to bring it in the next day. If not in the next day, children will be kept in at playtime to complete the task.

In addition to formally set homework pupils in Years 5/6 are expected to:

- Read their own ZPD appropriate book or their reading book for pleasure every day.
- Revise and learn work covered in Maths, Literacy and Science.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us via the ClassDojo or class email address.

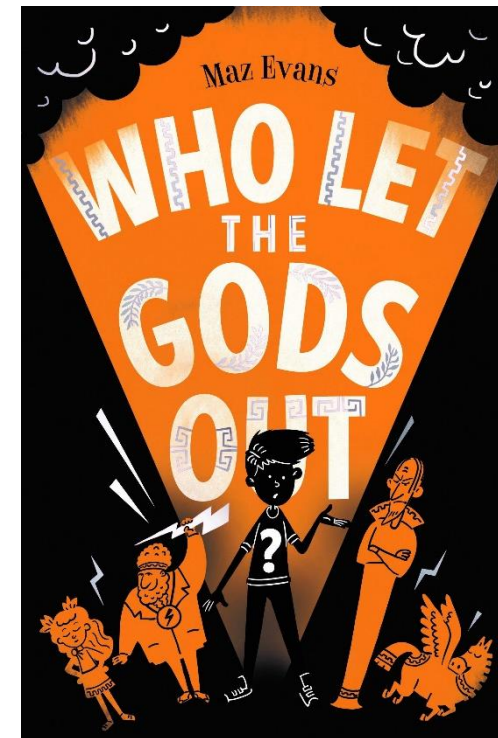
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Thank you for your continued support

*Miss O'Connor, Miss Hughes, Mrs Iles and Mrs Barratt*



**Year 5&6**  
**Autumn Term 2023**

We hope that our overview of this term's topic will provide you with ideas of how to help your child at home.