

Autumn

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

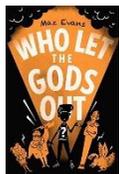
Reading

This term we will be focusing on developing our reading strategies to support us when justifying our answers with evidence. We will work on applying the A.P.E. - Answer it, Prove it, Explain it strategy effectively. This links to our VIPER – Inference we will be providing evidence from the text to support our answers.

VIPER Character Focus



Class Reader



Who Let the Gods Out?

Author Focus

Maz Evans

How you can support at home?

Please listen to your children read regularly. Discuss the meanings of sophisticated language you come across in the text. Ask children to read around the text to clarify the meaning of unfamiliar words.

Writing

To begin the new term, our new topic will be 'Into the Labyrinth.'

Our writing will be centred around the topic and we will begin by writing a persuasive travel brochure, using our vocabulary to lure holiday makers to Greece.

The topic will also help us learn about ancient myths and stories including Theseus and the Minotaur and the Battle of Troy where we will ask the children to produce their own narrative of the story.

We will also be covering diary entries imagining life as an ancient Greek child as well as writing a poetry piece about Pandora's Box.



Mathematics

The autumn term will begin with a focus on place value. We will look at partitioning numbers to recognise the independent digits and their values.

We will then move on to ordering and comparing numbers using less than and greater than. After this we will look at rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000. Next we will be comparing numbers on a number line moving on to analysing negative numbers.

Finally we will develop our skills when using written methods to solve addition and subtraction calculations.

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Vocabulary

Place value, ones, tens, hundreds, thousands, ten thousands, hundred thousands, millions, less than, greater than, equal to, rounding, column, addition, subtraction.

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Creative Curriculum

Our topic this term is 'Into the Labyrinth' where we will be looking in detail at the history and culture of ancient Greece.

We will look at the physical Geography of Greece including its climate and landscape. We will also write a persuasive travel brochure applying our English skills.

In History we will secure our knowledge of Greek history by completing a chronological report and we will research the lives of Athenians and Spartans, delving deeper in to their daily lives. We will cover in depth the Greek Gods and the roles they played, the culture they created and the legacy they left.

In Design Technology we will explore Greek pottery and we will create a Greek vase depicting a battle scene.

Vocabulary

Zeus, Poseidon, Hades, Theseus, Minotaur, Hera, Athens, Sparta, pottery, vase, atlas, map, climate, landscape, area, landmark, chronological.

Science

This term, our topic in Science is 'Materials and their Properties'. We will be comparing and grouping everyday materials based on their properties including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity and response to magnets.

We will be looking reversible and irreversible changes in materials as well as gaining knowledge on solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures should be separated.

We will be working scientifically by planning and carrying out scientific enquiries, recording data, taking measurements and identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas.



Vocabulary

Properties, hardness, flexibility, transparency, magnetism, conductivity, particles, solution, substance, reversible, irreversible, condensation, evaporation, cooling.

Enrichment

Over the term, there will be various enrichment activities implemented into the curriculum. The children will also have the opportunity to explore Forest School.

The children will take part in a Greek themed day where they will sample Greek cuisine and compete in a mini Olympics where the children battle it out as Athenians and Spartans!



Important Dates

- INSET DAY – School Closed Friday 4th October.
- Swimming is the same days and times for both classes. Friday for 5C and 5S.
- PE is on a Thursday afternoon. Children will need to ensure they have the appropriate PE kit. Please see the school website for further details.