

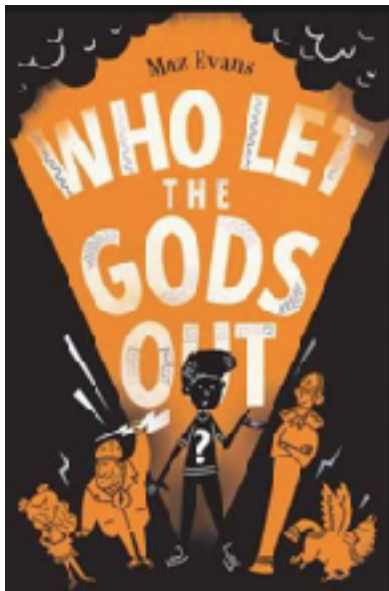
Our Theme Next

Term is...

Who Let The Gods Out?

We will be starting learning about the Ancient Greeks.

Our quality text will be:



Through our theme work the children will be learning about life in Ancient Greece - lives, achievements and legacy.

In **English**, we will be reading Greek myths and legends. We will also be reading the book 'Who Let the Gods Out' which brings the Greek Gods into our modern day world.

In **Maths**, we will be focusing on multiplication and Division and continuing our work linked to reasoning and problem solving.

Curriculum Drivers

Diverse Community, Independence, Real Life Purpose!

The children will continue to develop their independence while using their iPads during lessons. Children will be able to explore different apps and be given more freedom in how they present their work. When learning about the Ancient Greeks, we will focus on the influence their society has on our lives today.

Links

<http://greece.mrdonn.org/myths.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z87tn39>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/homework/greece/gods.htm>

Housekeeping

Homework is due in every Wednesday after it has been set on the Friday. Please refer to the Homework Policy on the school website.



Children should be reading at home at least 3 times a week and be practising their spellings and times tables. It is particularly important that the children are confident with their times tables knowledge before learning long multiplication.

Year 5 will continue to have PE and Field lessons during their allotted times. 5BM and 5JM will be doing Field this half term. 5D and 5SM will be doing PE. These lessons will take place on Monday and Thursday. It is important that the kits stay in school..

What's On

Monday afternoons - Classes will continue to take turns to participate in a 3 week block of Science lessons at Stanley High School.

What have we been up to?

Another busy half term on the run up to Christmas! We have loved continuing the reading of Harry Potter and writing both a suspense story and a poem inspired by the book. We will be very sad to finish the book this term and leave Hogwarts. Hopefully the children will want to continue their Harry Potter journey by reading the next book in the series: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. We have been lucky to receive 3 tennis lessons at North Meols Lawn Tennis Club where the children had fun whilst improving their skills. A theatre company visited school for a performance of 'A Christmas Carol' which was thoroughly enjoyed and we hope you can see the effect it has had on our acting skills in our Carol Concert next week when we will be performing a dramatisation of 'A Christmas Carol'.



Reading



This half-term our quality text has been **'Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone'**

(written by J. K. Rowling). The children have studied the text as part of our topic and have successfully written their own biography and formal letter.

Similar books that your children could enjoy by the same author are:

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets and other books in the series.

Other well-loved tales from the same time are:

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis.

Peter Pan by J. M. Barrie.

The Apprentice Witch by James Nicol

Quotes

"I enjoyed creating a backing track using garage band to go with a scene from Harry Potter." Jasper Maher 5BM

"I have really enjoyed Gymnastics and Tennis because I love sports and it is really fun." Megan Ratcliffe 5BM

"I enjoyed art lessons because we were able to draw castles and it was extremely fun!" Daisy Weild 5D

"My favourite maths lesson was learning about Prime numbers." Layla Furneyo 5D

"I have loved carol singing practice because I find something 'magical' with singing Christmas carols. My favourite is Winter Carol because it is lovely." Amy Parker 5JM

"I've loved listening to the Harry Potter books being read and I loved making up stories about the characters." Izzy Evans 5JM

"The best part of this term has been tennis - It was amazing! It made you feel alive in the morning." Kayden McGowen 5SM

"My Favourite part of this term has been when 5SM went to Stanley High School to do science. We learnt so much whilst we were there and even got to use bunsen burners which was super exciting!" Eva Maher 5SM