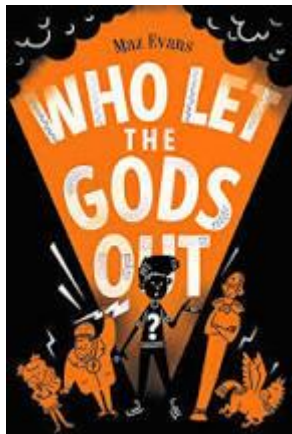


Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back everyone and welcome to Year 5.

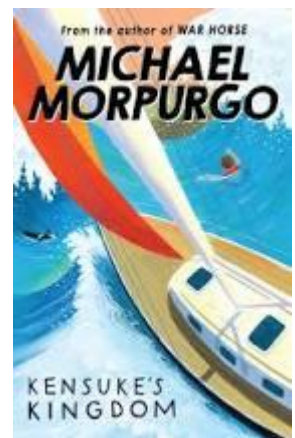
I am really looking forward to the term ahead and the exciting things I have lined up for your children!

We are taking a cross-curricular approach to our learning this term as we take a look at Ground breaking Greeks and how the actions of this civilisation has shaped the world that we live in today.



English - Books being covered in guided reading sessions include, Who let the Gods out? - Maz Evans; Kensuke's Kingdom and Poetry by Allan Ahlberg.

In creative writing we will look at Recounts, using Greek mythology as inspiration and Narratives, putting ourselves in to the place of the author and using purpose and audience to help us plan our own chapters of fiction texts.



Maths - We will be starting the term by looking at place value, fractions and decimals, before we move on to investigate measurements of time.

We will also focus on the essential maths skills, such as, speed and accuracy of calculation, multiplication tables and problem solving strategies.



Topic - Ground breaking Greeks. This topic will look at the different periods of Ancient Greek history. The children will learn about democracy, the Olympic Games, and the life of Alexander the Great.

Science - Space. We will be looking at Earth and Space, and asking some big questions about why we have day and night, and why seasons happen.

We will then move on to look at forces and how these work in everyday objects.

PSHE - This term our focus will be on customs and beliefs.

PE - Our first focus will be Football and Tag Rugby. After half term we will move on to look at Netball and Basketball.

Computing - We will be looking at online safety and coding during our first term.

Music - We will be focussing on a specific genre of music and will be learning to sing and play an instrument to a song of this genre. This term's focus will be Rock music.

RE - We will begin with a topic which discusses ourselves and life choices. During the season of Advent we will move on to look at Hope, focussing on how we wait in hope for the coming of Jesus.

Homework

The homework tasks that the children will be expected to complete are as follows:

- Read (daily) - their school reading book alongside their own choice of books. I would also ask that you encourage your child to read as much as possible as this will help with their comprehension and give them ideas for their own writing.
- Practise spellings (daily)
- English task/activity (weekly)
- Times table practise (daily)
- Mathematics task/activity (weekly)
- Science / RE activity (if required)
- Long term topic homework (one a term)

PE

PE lessons will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure that your child has jogging bottoms and a hoodie/sweatshirt if the weather is cold. In the interests of safety, children with earrings will be expected to remove them or cover them with tape.

Looking forward to working with you this term,

Mrs Bayley