



# China Class Newsletter



Spring Term 2022

Welcome Back!

I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and I wish you a very Happy New Year! This half term our topic is 'Ancient Greece'. I am excited by the opportunities this topic enables - Gods, Goddesses, heroes, heroines and monsters galore! Hopefully your children will be as enthused as I am!

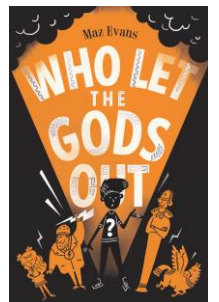
Here is a brief outline of the topics and themes we will be covering this half term, along with some useful points to note. If you need any further information then please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.



This topic will find your children becoming great archaeologists and historians, delving into this exciting civilisation.

## English

We will begin our term by looking at 'Myths and Legends', a topic that is bound to inspire even the most reluctant writer! We will use the great Greek Myths of Perseus and Medusa, Theseus and the Minotaur and others, to inspire us to write our own Greek myths.



Our key text this term will be 'Who Let The Gods Out?' by Maz Evans.

## Spellings

We will be using the Twinkl Year 5 spelling scheme. These spellings will be uploaded every Monday onto Google Classroom. The children will then be tested on the following Monday.

## Maths



We will begin the term by looking at Division and Multiplication and Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. We will continue to focus very much on mental maths, embedding our knowledge of times tables and their respective division facts. Once these are known, we will focus on applying this mental maths knowledge to solving problems in real-life contexts. In school we are using 'Times Tables Rockstars' to help us with our times tables knowledge. All children should already have a username and login, if not please ask your child to obtain it.

## Science

In the first half term we will be learning about 'Materials'. The children will continue to develop their investigative skills through both these units. The main focus for development this term will be making informed conclusions based on the results they gather through scientific investigation.



## Computing

The children will have a fantastic opportunity this term looking at internet safety through Purple Mash.

## R.E.

This half-term we will be considering the question, 'What would Jesus Do?' as we delve into the Gospels and accounts of Jesus from the New Testament.



## Spanish

Spanish will continue to be taught to the children once a week on a Friday by Miss Bell.



## Music

We are very lucky to be continuing to learn the ukulele on a Monday morning with Mr Ortiz.

## Art

We will be designing and painting our own Greek vase.

## P.E.

The children will have two P.E. sessions a week. The indoor P.E. lessons this term will be on a Wednesday. I will be teaching Dance and the outdoor P.E. session will be on a Friday morning with Mrs Burbidge and she will be focusing on Volleyball. Please remember that the correct P.E kit should be in school at all times and that children need to have plimsolls and outdoor kit, which should be warm for this time of year. No jewellery is to be worn; please ensure that all earrings are removed on P.E days if the children are not able to remove them themselves.

## RHE

The children will be learning about keeping safe and managing risk and dealing with feelings.

How can you help?

- 1) **Reading** - As part of their weekly homework the children must read for at least 10 minutes, 3 times a week at home. The logs will be marked each week on a Monday. However, please ensure your child brings in their reading book and log every day. It would be lovely if you could listen to your child read and discuss what they have

read. However, I appreciate this is not always possible and your child might sometimes prefer to read independently. If this is the case, encourage them to record what they have read in their reading log, along with their thoughts on what they have read. There are some questions at the front of the Reading Records. Please ask your child to answer at least one of those every week in their books.

- 2) **Walking home** - we will require a written request from the parent/carer submitted to the school office should you wish a child to walk home after school on their own. Without this we are not able to let your child leave the school grounds unaccompanied.
- 3) **Homework:** Half-termly homework grids will be shared on Google Classroom. Please ensure that your child gets into the routine of submitting one piece of homework from the grid each week. This should be up to 45 minutes in preparation for Y6 and secondary school.
- 4) **Weekly spellings** - Please ensure your children are practising their spellings at home each week. There are lots of fantastic apps which can help with this - Spelling Shed and Spelling Bee are recommended.
- 5) **Times tables** - Please ensure your child is practising their times tables at home each week. By Y5 the children should have a firm recall of all times table up to 12 x 12. The school has signed up to a website called Times Tables Rockstars for which you should all have your individual login IDs and passwords. Please note that this website is designed to automatically move your child on once they have shown their recall time and accuracy are in line with recommendation. Any games for times tables would be beneficial so please make sure you are practising. There are also YouTube songs to help that you could have playing as well.
- 6) **Google Classrooms, My Maths, Accelerated Reader, MyOn and Purple Mash are also other websites the children can access to help with their learning.**
- 7) **Mobile phones** - Should you require your children to carry a mobile phone when in school they will be asked to submit it to the office where it will be stored carefully and returned to the child at the end of the day. Please note that St Mary's will not be responsible for any loss or damage to the mobile phone.

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Reminder: A reminder that we are a nut-free school and a healthy snack for breaktime is needed. No crisps or chocolate will be allowed at breaktime.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns on the class email address: [china@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:china@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

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