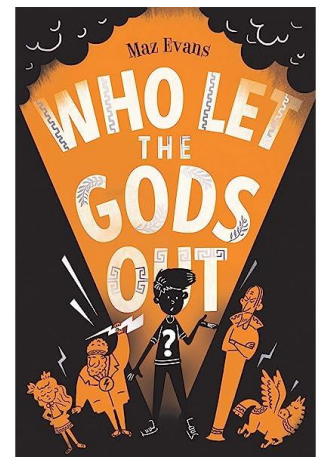


# Gods and Mortals

From nothingness came chaos; from chaos came air and water; from air and water came life. Then, rising majestically from the darkness, came Gaia, Mother Earth, a beacon of warmth and light. Discover a fantastical world full of mythical creatures and legendary heroes. Poseidon, Apollo, Artemis and Zeus reign almighty from Mount Olympus, watching mere mortals on dusty Athenian streets. Meet Theseus, the hero, and Helen of Troy, the beautiful face that launched a thousand ships. Explore the terrains of Greece, where in pure blue skies, the Sun scorches waxen wings and melts the fortunes of Icarus and Daedalus.

Our linked text for this topic is **Who Let the Gods Out?**  
by Maz Evans.



Here is an overview of the learning taking place this half term:

<b>English</b>	Non-fiction writing including: Advertisements, Information Texts, and Biographies.
<b>Science</b>	Exploring Sound.
<b>Art and Design</b>	Greek Art and Design.
<b>Design and Technology</b>	3D Sculptures, Moving Parts.
<b>History</b>	Ancient Greece.
<b>Geography</b>	Ancient and modern day Greece, Geographical features, Using maps.
<b>Physical Education</b>	Swimming and Boccia.



## Homework:

- **Two Topic-Based Tasks:** To be completed and handed in before Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (see separate sheet).
- **Reading:** Read and record in your child's Reading Record Book at least 3 times a week. Books will be changed routinely as needed.
- **Times Tables:** Must be practised regularly at home.
  - Year 3: 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 Times Tables
  - Year 4: All tables to 12 x 12

The Children in Year 4 will take the Multiplication Check in June 2024. The purpose of this check is to determine whether your child can recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. They will then be given 6 seconds to answer each of the 25 questions.

We will continue to practice regularly in school, but your child needs to be practicing at home too. MTC is a free app that will assist in at home practice.



## Physical Education:

PE will be taking place on a Wednesday and Thursday. On a Wednesday children will need to bring their PE kit into school and get changed in school. PE kits should stay in school on pegs. On a Thursday, all children will need swimwear as stated in previous correspondence for off-site swimming lessons.

I am looking forward to a fun filled half-term with our topic, Gods and Mortals!  
Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or would like further information, or if you have information you would like to share with me.

Thank you ☺

*Miss Jennings*



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## Homework Choice Sheet

Please select two of the following tasks to complete for homework. Remember to think about the presentation of your work. Remember it is important to challenge yourself.

Please hand in your first piece by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

The second piece by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Be inspired by Greek art! Look at online examples of pottery and create a design for an ancient Greek jug or bowl. Remember to use colours typical of Greek art, such as black, white, red, and yellow.

Find out some simple Greek phrases, for example, Hello, How are you? What's your name? Can you make a poster to display them in Greek and English? If you can learn the pronunciation, can you try and teach us at school?

Design a mythical creature and give it a fabulous name. Which animals' body parts could you include in your design? What personality will your creature have? You could even make your creature using junk materials!

Find a recipe for Greek food, and follow it carefully to make your own. Don't forget to record your recipe and take pictures of the process!

Make a collage using pictures from holiday brochures or the internet showing ancient buildings and interesting place to visit in Greece. You could even use the internet to plan a pretend holiday to Greece, and create an itinerary! What would you do if money was no object?

Who was Pythagoras? How is he linked to maths? Present your findings - use diagrams to explain what you have learnt.

Read and retell the story of Medusa, the Gorgon, who could turn people to stone if they looked at her. Illustrate your story with drawings of Medusa, showing the snakes that sprouted from her head instead of hair!

Find out about famous Greek philosophers such as Plato, Aristotle, and Archimedes. How did their work influence life today?

Compare two of the most important city states of Ancient Greece, Athens And Sparta. How were they similar and different? Present your findings in a Newsround, poster or any way you think you can best present your information.

Ancient Greek Fashion: what did the Ancient Greeks wear? What was their jewellery like? You could draw or even make the outfit (you could dress a teddy and take pictures!)

If you would like to send your homework in electronically, please use Google Classroom ☺