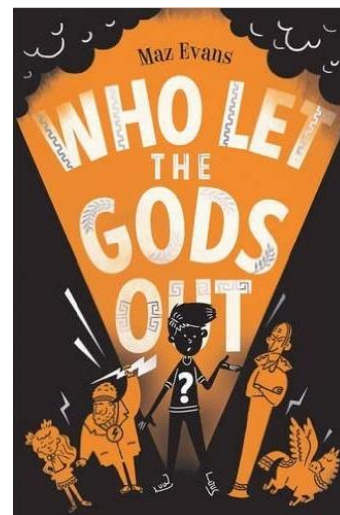


Year 4 Newsletter – summer 1.

This term we will be reading Maz Evans' *Who Let The Gods Out*. This links with our topic of the Ancient Greek civilisation and our big idea of understanding right from wrong. It gives the children a chance to experience an exciting story where all the world seems to be weighing on a young boys shoulders, but help comes from an unlikely source. Greek Gods make an appearance, but not how you would expect to see them. This humorous story tell the tale of young Elliot, an ordinary 12 year old boy, and how his life gets mixed up with an ancient evil power.



<p>English learning Writing- We will be writing our own Greek myth, involving our own heroes that we will create, write a character description of these inspired heroes, and create a play script inspired by Ancient Greek theatre. Reading- We will be developing our fluency skills and comprehension skills through our whole-class reading sessions.</p>	<p>Maths Learning Maths- This half-term, we will be starting by studying the correspondence between fractions and decimals. We will then begin to look at money, followed by mass, volume and length. Times tables- We now have Times Table Rock Stars to help support the children in learning their timetable. We've been really impressed with the engagement from all of you so far so keep it up.</p>	<p>Science and geography learning Healthy teeth and the digestive system – In science, we will begin by looking at the importance of oral hygiene, and then look at how the teeth play a part in the digestive system. Thinking like a scientist- We will be working on developing our questioning skills and how we use these to develop an understanding of the world around us.</p>	<p>PE learning Olympics – The Olympics started in Ancient Greece, and our PE this half term will look at some of the events that took place over 2000 years ago- from discuss to marathons. PE will be on a Thursday only, school uniform should be worn every other day. Working as a team- As always, a big focus in PE will be working effectively as a team.</p>
<p>PSHE- Jigsaw Relationships- This topic of work aims to investigate the various different types of relationships we find ourselves developing throughout our lives. From work relationships, to romantic ones, we will discuss how to be respectful and build good relationships.</p>	<p>History Ancient Greece- Each week we will focus on a different aspect of life during the Ancient Greek period, and how it has influenced modern culture. We will look at architecture, theatre, diet, stories and democracy.</p>	<p>Art and Design Design- In D&T, we will investigate the architecture of Ancient Greece and the developments in building that they made. Art- In art we will be creating our own designed vases, performance masks and olive wreaths.</p>	<p>Music Learning In Harmony- We will still be doing In Harmony session every Friday, so instruments need to be in on these days.</p>

What can you do to support your child's learning?

- 1) Listen to them read and read to them. Ask them questions about what they have read or heard, and make predictions of what they think might happen in the story. Make sure to record this on the reading log via Marvellous Me app or the school website.
- 2) Encourage them to use My Maths (and look at the 4 operations), Times Table Rock Stars and Spelling Shed. Knowing their times tables is so important, so rehearse these whenever you can. The spellings on their homework relate to the spelling learning we are doing in school, so it is important that they practice these at home.

Thank you very much,

Mr. Ebling & Mr. Nicholls