



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 5 Newsletter

Spring 2



What was life like in Ancient Greece?

This half term, we will be exploring the history of the Ancient Greeks. The topic focuses on the lives of the Ancient Greeks, including; how the Minoans traded, the differences between Athenians and Spartans, Alexander the Great and their greatest achievements. We will research Greek gods, and share what can be learnt from myths and legends.

English

This half-term, we will be exploring the story of Prometheus, a Greek Myth, in which the Titan steals fire from the gods and gives this to humankind. Our key focus this half-term is to write like a journalist, writing a newspaper to retell the events of the story, using witness statements to support the writing. Towards the end of the half-term, the children will use the story of Theseus and the Minotaur, a story they learned in Year 4 to showcase what they have learned.

Our class story will be 'Who let the Gods out', written by Maz Evans. This is a great story about a young boy, who is desperate need of help to save his family. Will the Greek gods help him though?

Reading

We appreciate that, reading at home, can be a difficult task but it does have a great impact on all areas of learning. Thank you for your commitment with this. To celebrate reading, all children who read at least 5 times a week at home will be entered into the Star Readers prize draw for a chance to win a book to take home. In school, all children continue to have daily guided reading sessions, as well as reading individually with the class teacher or support staff.

Homework

Please look out for your child's learning log each week. The children will continue to have a selection homework. Please sign the homework log once your child has completed the week's task.

Homework will be given out **every Friday** and collected back in **every Wednesday**.

Maths

This half term, children will continue with Singapore Maths, with a focus on fractions. The pupils will divide whole numbers by whole numbers (for example, 3 divided by 4), and explore the relationship between division and fractions: $1 \text{ divided by } 2 = \frac{1}{2}$. We will find equivalent fractions and will use this to compare and order fractions, add and subtract, and create improper fractions and mixed numbers.

All children will take an NTS Maths test. We will be using these tests to monitor and evaluate the progress the children have made this term.

Science

For our Science topic this half term, we will explore the question 'Will we ever send another human to the moon?' We will learn about the Earth's orbit around the Sun, its rotation on its axis and the movement of the moon relative to the Earth. This will help us understand how day and night are created together with the seasons we experience each year.



P.E.

Children in 5J will be having P.E on **Mondays**. Children in 5B will be having P.E. on **Tuesdays**.

Please ensure your child wears their P.E Kit to school on this day.

We will be exploring net and wall games this half term, including Tennis and Badminton. The aim is to learn specific tactics and skills for net and wall type games as well as continue to develop sport specific skills and perform them with consistency, accuracy, confidence and control.