

Literacy

We will start Autumn 2 by looking at the text 'Who Let the Gods Out,' which we will use as the basis for most of our Guided Reading lessons, as well as reading Greek myths to link into our writing. We will be focusing on accurately punctuating speech in our stories and learning how to write clear non-fiction reports on mythical creatures. Drama will also be incorporated into our English lessons.

Maths

For the second half term, the children will be focusing on using the four operations and using these in context when it comes to solving reasoning questions and problems. We will continue to recap the basic skills such as doubling, halving and other mental strategies. We will also practise times tables daily to improve accuracy and speed.

Music

This half term the children will be exploring the genre of swing music. They will continue to appraise different pieces and will develop their ability to listen to a piece and decide what instruments are being used. They will also embed their knowledge of notes learnt in the previous year.

History

Our topic this half term is the Ancient Greeks. The children will develop knowledge of the Greek Empire, Democracy, Greek society, the Olympics and how the Ancient Greeks have influenced the modern world. We will incorporate all of our learning into a 'Greek Day' where we will also get the chance to taste Greek food.

D&T

Using our knowledge of shapes, nets and measure, we will build mini replicas of Trojan Horses and investigate the finer details of Greek pottery.

ICT

During this half term, the children will further develop their coding skills by introducing the concepts of variables. Using their coding skills they will create and develop commands using 'if' and 'repeat' statements. They will also use their skills of debugging to fix any commands that are not running correctly.

PE

Up until Christmas, both Year 5 classes will be attending swimming lessons every week. In school, we will be learning how to read maps and use good communication skills in outdoor adventurous activities. Every week the class will work in teams to solve problems.

Science

We will begin Autumn 2 by learning about materials. The children will learn about different materials and their properties. We will also learn about the term dissolving and how to investigate it. We also incorporate into these lessons knowledge of key vocabulary and scientists, who have changed our view of Science.

RE

During this half term, the key question the children will investigate is 'How do Christians celebrate Christmas around the world?' The class will learn the main idea behind Christmas and compare Christian beliefs to other religions.

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