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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had an enjoyable and somewhat restful Christmas holidays. This term really ramps up for Year 6, as it's time to start thinking about and preparing for SATs. The children have all been brilliant so far this year and are showing really positive attitudes towards their learning; which will be of great benefit as we count down the weeks until May.

History and Geography

This term, our history and geography work will be about Ancient Greece. We will look at Greek gods and goddesses, the Ancient Olympics, and explore the impact that ancient Greek

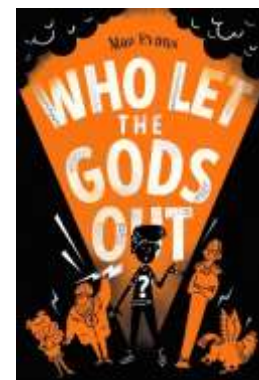


philosophers have had to our understanding of the world. It is unlikely that we will be able to go on a school trip this term to cover the topic, so myself and Miss Harding will arrange a 'Greek Day' in school for the children' where we will immerse ourselves in Greek culture and design and build our own Greek temples.



English

Our class book for this term is 'Who Let the Gods Out?' by Maz Evans. This links brilliantly to our history topic and will lead to a variety of great writing: instructions, our own myths, poetry, and a balanced argument all about the Elgin Marbles.



Maths

There will be a strong focus on arithmetic this term in the lead up to SATs. We will complete weekly arithmetic tests (which will help me identify topics which need more practice), as well as daily 20 minute fluency lessons using Fluent in Five. We will use lots of past SATs questions to revise and build on mathematical knowledge, as well as covering new learning in Power Maths. We shall be looking at geometry, decimals, percentages, algebra, area and perimeter and ratio.



Science



Our topic in Science this term is the circulatory system. We shall spend time learning all about the different organs and body parts involved, as well as carrying out investigations into how different things (such as exercise) affect our heart rate and other parts of the circulatory system.

P.E.

Year 6 will have P.E. on Thursdays for the first half term and Fridays all term; both sessions with Mr Cave our sports coach. Can children please have full P.E. kits in school on these days.

R.E.



Our R.E. question for this term is 'What do Christians believe about Salvation?'

Homework

Year 6 will this term start completing their homework in CGP books, rather than online. They each have 3 books – Maths, SPaG and Reading. Each week, they will be set a page or topic from 2 or all of these books. The amount of homework set will increase from now until the end of the year, with preparation for secondary school in mind.

The work in each revision book should take no more than 30 minutes; totaling a maximum of an hour and a half. If your child has spent 30 minutes on a piece of homework and not finished, please just write a note to show where they reached and stop; unless they want to continue. The intention of the books is purely to aid with revision, and the children will not be set work we haven't previously covered in class.



As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojo or by emailing the school office. If you wish to discuss something in person please let me know and we can find a convenient time for us to meet.

Thank you for your continued support,

Jess Morris