

Autumn Term Second Half 2023 – Year 5



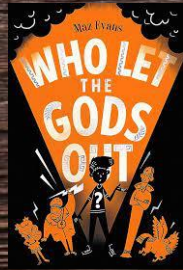
English

In English this half term, we will begin by reading the book:

'Who let the Gods out'

We will work towards writing an edited chapter by looking at imagery and figurative language, how sentence structure creates tension and suspense and how we can start sentences in different ways. Our next stimulus will be a short film entitled 'High diving giraffes'. We will work towards writing a report in the style of a sports commentary. To round off the half term, we will focus on writing a setting description based on a short film called 'From our family to yours'.

We are reading...



Reading:

We will use our group guided reading time (ERIC) each week to listen to children read. Please support us in developing your child's reading by sharing books and listening to them read at home. Reading should be recorded in their Reading Record Books which will be collected in every Tuesday morning.

Maths

In maths we will continue to work on multiplication and division by looking at factors, square numbers, cube numbers, prime numbers and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000. We will then move on to working with fractions. We will recognise equivalent fractions, convert improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa, compare fractions, add and subtract fractions and add and subtract mixed numbers.

Science

In science this half term, we will be continuing our work on forces. We will be looking at the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction. We will also be learning about levers, pulleys and gears.

History

During this half of the term we will be learning about the Ancient Greek Civilisation.

We will:

place their civilisation in time, look at the different types of government in Ancient Greece, compare and contrast Athens and Sparta, find out about the daily life and religion in Ancient Greece, find out about ancient Greek scholars and philosophers and discover how modern day life has been influenced by the Ancient Greeks.

RE

This half term, we will be learning about Christianity and considering the key question, "How significant is it that Mary was Jesus' mother?"

We will investigate different versions of the Christmas story and debate reasons as to why the Christmas story might be true or not.

Music

In our second music unit of the term, we will think about how music connects us with our past.

We will sing and play a glockenspiel in different styles, improvising together and sharing performances with each other.

Computing

This half term we will focus on two different projects in computing, app design and music creation.

App design – we will learn to add text and images to a slide, add icons and text to use as navigation and create hyperlinks to create navigation.

Music creation – we will layer tracks using sounds and effects, create and edit effective instrument tracks.

PE

PE will be on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**, please send your child to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

Swimming will be on a Wednesday – also PE kit.

Autumn 2nd Half: Basketball and Hockey

French

Our French unit this half term is 'A week in the life'.

We will look at different verb forms and discover that not all verbs are regular. We will learn the verbs 'avoir' to have and 'être' to be, finishing off with a short piece of creative writing.

PSHE

This half term's unit of study is called:

Celebrating Difference

We will understand that cultural differences can sometimes cause conflict and show an awareness of our own culture. We will develop an understanding of what racism and bullying are, developing strategies to manage feelings and problem-solve. We will compare our lives with people in the developing world and develop an understanding of a culture different to our own.

DT

The focus of our unit of work this half term is 'Electrical Systems' where we will be working towards making doodlers. We will look at components of circuits, including motors. We will explore existing products and use the information gained to develop our own design ideas for a DIY kit, incorporating an electrical system that uses a motor.