

# YEAR 4 - AUTUMN 1

## English

This half term, Year 4 are going to be studying the book 'Who Let the Gods Out' by Maz Evans to support our topic for the term: The Ancient Greeks. In this comical novel, the main character (Elliot) is struggling to care for his mother who is unwell and he is under threat of losing his home. However, one day, a shooting star crashes to Earth and changes his life forever: the Zodiac goddess Virgo. When they accidentally release the wicked death demon Thanatos, the pair ask Zeus and the gods for help. After years of retirement, are the Greek Gods up for the job of saving the world?



Year 4 will use this novel to write a range of different texts, including character descriptions, diary entries, a formal fact file, persuasive advertisements and first person narratives.

## Dates for Diary

End of Term - Thursday 22nd October

INSET Day - Friday 23rd October

## PE Days

4LP - Monday

4RA - Tuesday

## Half Term Task

As we will learn about Ancient Greece this term, complete one of the following activities:

- Create a leaflet for people visiting Greece including important information. Where is it? What is the weather like? What is the currency like? What is the language? Etc.
- Find out about the clothes Ancient Greeks wore. Draw and label a picture showing a typical Ancient Greek outfit.
- What food was popular in Ancient Greece? Design a menu with popular foods.
- Invent your own Greek god. Draw them and then write a description of their powers, appearance and what they were in charge of e.g. the god of thunder.
- Write your own Greek Myth! You can use other myths to help you.

**This project is due :** Thursday 22nd October 2020.

## Homework

Each week, the children will have **maths and English** homework to complete. This will be handed out to them on a Friday and is due back in on Thursday morning.

Additionally, the children will have a **times table and spelling test** on a Friday morning every week. We will be monitoring children's times table practice on Times Tables Rockstars!

The children are expected to **read every day** and note this in their reading records.

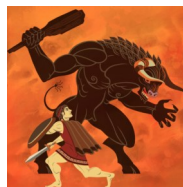
## Maths

Our focus this term will be on place value; the children will understand the value of each digit within a four-digit number, order and compare numbers up to 5000 and round numbers to the nearest 1000. Additionally, we will learn about negative numbers and understand how to use Roman Numerals. We will learn how to add and subtract four-digit numbers using a variety of methods including the formal written method.



## History: The Ancient Greeks

This term, Year 4 will be learning all about the Ancient Greeks. They will learn about the growth of the Greek Empire, the Olympics and the Battle of Marathon. Additionally, they will be writing newspaper reports on the Fall of Troy and re-writing the famous Greek Myth: Theseus and the Minotaur.



## Curriculum Other

**PSHE** - Year 4 will be learning about their rights and responsibilities as members of society, including the origin of democracy.

**Computing** - The children will be using the program Scratch to create a simple animation of the Fall of Troy.

**P.E.** - Hockey and Outdoor and Adventurous Activities.