



UKS2 (Year 5 and 6)

Autumn Term One

Curriculum Overview

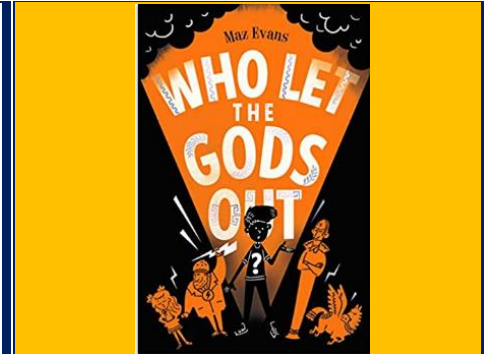


LARKS HILL
JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL

Welcome to the Autumn Term. We very much hope that our children have been able to enjoy a wonderfully restful summer break and that they are raring to go as they commence another successful school year. As always, time flies and we are starting yet another school year. This curriculum overview contains information about what you and, more importantly, your child should expect in Year 5 and 6 this half-term. This term we have a new book: Who Let The Gods Out. This is the story of eleven-year-old Elliot, constellation Virgo and their friends from Mount Olympus. It recounts their perilous adventures as they seek to stop Thanatos' evil plan before it is too late!

Reading, Writing, Maths and Science

We are starting the new term with a brand-new text, 'Who Let The Gods Out', which our curriculum will be centred around. In our writing lessons, we will be focusing on developing our spelling and grammar skills through genre writing. We will begin by writing a non-chronological report before moving onto a setting description; all based around the themes and characters of 'Who Let The Gods Out'. In Maths lessons, Year 5 will be building upon their place value knowledge to understand numbers to a million and rounding, whilst Year 6 will be understanding the place value of numbers up to 1 million before applying their place value knowledge to multiplication and division. In Science, we will be learning about states of matter, carrying out a range of scientific investigations to support of learning.



PE

Class 5 will have Indoor PE on a Monday and Swimming on a Thursday. The children should bring their PE uniform on their classes PE day and their swimming kit on their swimming day.

Class 6 will have Indoor PE on a Wednesday and Outdoor PE on a Thursday. The children should bring their PE uniform on their classes PE day.

Please make sure all items of uniform are clearly named. If the weather is fine, PE may be outdoor on both days.

Homework

Spellings will be given at the start of the half-term with weekly tests on a Friday. Times tables should be practised using TTRockStars for at least 5 minutes, 3 times per week.

It is expected that children will read every day. Reading books will be checked and changed as necessary. Please remember to sign your child's reading record whenever you have listened to them read or discussed what they have read.

Other homework will be given as necessary to support in class learning. Homework is not intended to be onerous, so please let me know should there be difficulty in completing the given tasks.

How can I help my child?

You can help your child by supporting and encouraging them to complete their homework in a timely manner and to a high quality, in order to help them make progress and improve their scores each week.



Other Subjects

In Geography, we will be developing our knowledge of mapping skills, learning all about lines of latitude and longitude. We will then apply our understanding to learn about time zones. In History, our topic this term directly relates to 'Who Let The Gods Out' as we learn all about Ancient Greece. Our studies will inform us about important Ancient Greek creations that are still used today! Our Reading for Productivity sessions allow the children to explore other areas of the curriculum such as Music, Art, DT and PSHE, which encourages class discussions around these topics.

Our School Website

www.larkshill.patrust.org.uk

Brain Buster

If Ancient Greece was so long ago, why is it worth learning about them today?

Mr Reynolds, Mrs Penty, Mrs Smith, Mrs Turner