



Crabtree Farm Primary School

Spring Newsletter

Class: Panthers and Raleigh

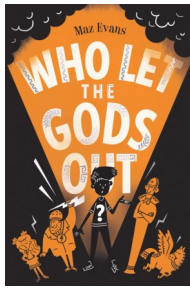
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Year 5 Information

English

This term, our class novel is 'Who Let the Gods Out' by Maz Evans. In our English lessons, we will be learning about Greek myths which is linked to our history topic. We will be focussing on one Greek myth in particular, 'Jason and the Golden Fleece' and we will have a go at writing our own version of this story.

Next half term, we will be writing a poem about mountains in winter, linked to our geography topic. We will then focus on a piece of non-fiction writing linked to mountains.



Welcome back to Year 5! We are looking forward to another exciting term in Year 5.

Our team consists of Miss Cranney, Miss Staniland, Miss Wilson, Mrs Carlton and Miss Bloomfield.

Geography

In spring 2, our topic will be Magnificent Mountains. We will learn about how mountains have been made, the features of mountains and what it is like to visit or live in mountainous areas. We will explore how these geographical regions can be both harsh and beautiful at the same time.



History

Our history topic this half term is 'Ancient Greece'. As well as learning about some of the famous Greek myths, we will learn about everyday life in ancient Greece. We will also learn about some of the amazing contributions they made towards science, literature, art, philosophy and to democracy. We will continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history, establishing clear narratives within and across the periods studied.



Maths

In maths this half term, we are learning about fractions, multiplication and division and decimals and percentages.

These topics rely heavily on secure times table facts so please ensure that your children are practising these regularly at home on TT Rockstars.

RE (Religious Education)

In RE, we will be learning about what is important to Christians. We will be thinking about what is expected of a person in following a religion or belief and interviewing Father Andrew from St. Mary's



Diversity Calendar

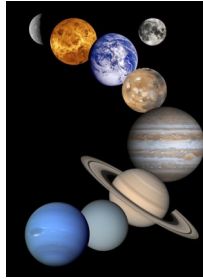
This term as part of our whole school diversity calendar we will be learning about:

- Martin Luther-King day
- Luna New Year
- Lent (Christianity)
- Holi (Hindu and Sikh)
- International Women's Day
- National Autism Day
- Vikram Samvat (Hindu New Year)
- Ramadan (Islam)
- Easter (Christian)



Science

This half term, we are learning about forces. We will be finding out about Sir Isaac Newton and his theory of gravity. We will learn about the effects that air resistance, water resistance and friction have on moving surfaces. We will also be looking at levers, pulleys and gears. Next half term, we will be learning about space. We will look at the movement of planets and the moon.



Homework and Reading Books

Spelling and maths homework will be given out on Mondays and will be due in on Fridays.

The children will be tested on Fridays using Spelling Frame.



Please practise and test your children on their spellings so they can do as well as possible. You can also visit www.spellingframe.co.uk and encourage them to practise on there too.

Your child will be given a 'book-banded' reading book, which they are responsible for changing when they have finished. We ask that you read with your child **at least 5 times per week**. Please sign their reading diary after they have read. This will count as a 'read' towards our RED TED reading initiative, where children can collect coloured badges.

It is vital that your child brings their reading book and diary into school everyday.

PSHE Personal Social Health Education

In PSHE, we are being visited by a charity called Equation who deliver the GREAT Project. This is designed to promote healthy relationships in all aspects of life.

P.E.

Did you know... a good nights sleep helps children's mental, physical, social and emotional development.



Year 5 will have swimming on **Mondays** and P.E. on **Fridays**. On Fridays, children must come to school in PE kit. This should be **black leggings/joggers/shorts and trainers, along with the normal school polo shirt and jumper. No earrings to be worn.**

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 22nd January Parent/Carer Open Afternoon
1.30pm - 6pm
3-7th February Wellbeing Week
Tuesday 11th February Safer Internet Day
Friday 14th February Last day of half term
Monday 24th February First day of half term
Thursday 6th March World Book day
10th-14th March British Science Week
Friday 21st March Red Nose day
Monday 24th March World Maths Day
Thursday 27th March Spring Disco 5pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday 2nd April Parent/Carer Open Afternoon
1.30pm - 6pm
Friday 4th April Last day of half term
Monday 21st April Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22nd First day of summer term

School Trips and Experiences

We will be in touch closer to the time with more information on trips in Year 5. The plan includes:

- May 2025: Partake (The Mayans - linked to history) £6.50.
- May 2025: Be a Curator day at University of Nottingham - free.
- June 2025: 2 day, 1 night residential visit to The Mill Adventure Base - £111.

There are still spaces available for this residential so please speak to a member of the team if you would like your child to go.

Relationship and Sex Education

In RSE, we will be looking at the male and female changes during puberty in more detail. We will learn how puberty affects the reproductive organs and think about how to manage the physical and emotional changes.

Recommended books – Everything you ever wanted to know about periods by Dr Rosemary Jones and Hair in Funny Places by Babette Cole.

Questions and Issues

If you need to speak to Miss Staniland or Miss Cranney please leave a message with the office. This will allow us to arrange a suitable time to help. We will always have a member of staff on the door before and after school.

