

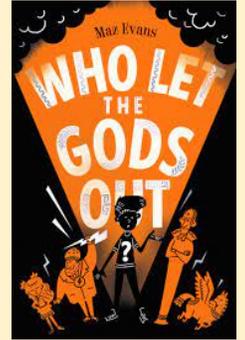
Riverside Primary School
Curriculum Newsletter for Families:
Spring 2 2026

Upper Key Stage Two - Year 5/6

This half term our theme is...



'Who Let the Gods Out?'



We would like to take this opportunity to tell you all about the exciting half-term ahead. This newsletter is where you can find out all about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks, along with some ideas and suggestions for some activities you could try to support their learning at home.

What are we learning during this theme?

This half term, all of our learning will be based around the exciting theme *Who Let the Gods Out?*, which introduces the children to the fascinating world of Ancient Greek civilisation. Through this theme, children will make links across subjects and develop a deeper understanding of how the Ancient Greeks lived and how their ideas still influence the modern world today.

In history, we will be learning about the Ancient Greeks, with a particular focus on the two contrasting city-states of **Athens and Sparta**. The children will explore what daily life was like, including education, roles in society, and the importance of religion and beliefs. They will also investigate how Ancient Greek ideas, such as democracy, the Olympics and architecture, continue to shape life today.

In ICT, children will develop their coding skills using the programme **KUDO**, learning how to create and debug simple programs while developing their problem-solving and logical thinking skills.

In art, we will be exploring **sculpture**, taking inspiration from both **Henry Moore** and classical **Greek sculptures**. Children will experiment with form and shape, developing their understanding of proportion and expression before creating their own sculptural pieces.

Our PE focus this half term will be **dance and golf**. In dance, children will work on control, expression and teamwork as they create and perform sequences. In golf, they will continue to develop accuracy, coordination and technique through a range of skills-based activities.

In music, we will be exploring the question "**Does music teach us about our community?**" Children will listen to and discuss a variety of musical styles, considering how music can reflect identity, culture and shared experiences.

As part of our **No Outsiders** programme, we will be reading *How to Heal a Broken Wing* by **Bob Graham**. Through this text, children will learn to recognise when someone needs help, understand that people have different life experiences, and develop empathy and compassion for others.



Trips, Visitors and Experiences

You can also find more information about our learning on our Medium Term plan and via our Knowledge Organisers, which are available on our school website: <https://www.riversideprimary.co.uk/curriculum/>

How can you support your child at home?

If you would like to support your child with their SATs tests, we suggest that you purchase some revision guides/ workbooks. The best ones the CGP books:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/stores/page/3E749073-BFC1-4445-A05D-B7B1F8BDBA7C>



Every week, your child will receive their usual home learning tasks of reading 5 times a week for at least 20 minutes (this must be noted in reading diaries with a parent's signature), spelling practice and either writing or maths homework. In addition to this, please find some suggestions below on how to support your child's learning.

Days out and things to do:

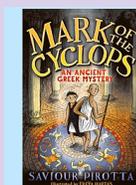
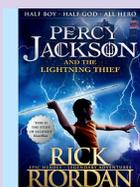
Visit The British Museum in London: [Ancient Greeks: athletes, warriors and heroes | British Museum](#)
[Ancient Greeks: Athens](#)

Write your own Greek myth, design a greek vase, make your own medusa mask.
University of Cambridge: [Ancient Greeks Learning Resources | Faculty of Classics](#)

Visit a Greek restaurant, or try some Greek foods to experience the food and culture of Greece

Books to read:

Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief
by Rick Riordan



Mark of the Cyclops
by Saviour Pirotta

Leo and the Gorgon's Curse
by Joe Tood Stanton



Things to watch:

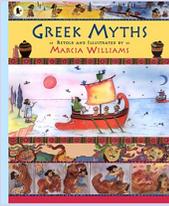
[Ancient Greece History Collection](#)

[Ancient Greece - KS2 History - BBC Bitesize](#)

- 'Percy Jackson' film series
- Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief (PG)
 - Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monsters (PG)

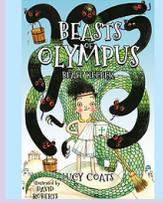
Hercules - Disney





Greek Myths by
Marcia Williams

Beasts of
Olympus by Luch
Coats



So you think you've got it
bad? A Kid's life in Ancient
Greece

...and many more books
here: [Children's Books:
Ancient Greece Topic](#)