

**School value:**

Our school value for this half term is Respect. Circle time sessions will give the children the chance to explore our value and we will be looking for children showing this value throughout the school days.

**Welcome Back!**

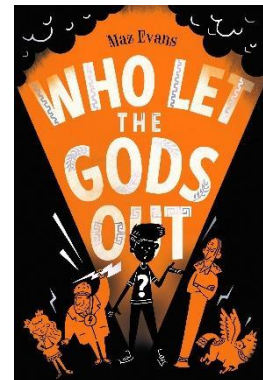
Welcome back, I hope you had a lovely half term break! This term we have lots of exciting things coming up such as a new core text, our parents evening, new project outcomes and lots of winter festivities and opportunities for the parents to collaborate with the children, staff and each other.

If you need to speak to me, please do catch me in the morning or after school. Alternatively, you can contact the school office to arrange a meeting or email me via [rroper@inspirerockcliffe.co.uk](mailto:rroper@inspirerockcliffe.co.uk)

**Year 4's learning this half term:**

**English**

In English, this half term Year 4 will be reading our core text 'Who let the gods out'. We will be using this book and our previous knowledge of last terms core text to understand Greek mythology. We will use the story to create our own recount narrative from the perspective of one of the characters from the story.



**History**

During the Autumn 2 term, the children will learn how Ancient Greece was the founding father of debate and democracy. The children will research who were the key figures in Ancient Greece and understand how democracy was created and used in their time. As debate was a crucial tool used by poorer sections of society in Ancient Greece to dispute their living conditions, children will study the concept of activism and the role that protests have in society. They will work towards supporting junior leadership teams within school to create a mediation team that will lead on settling disputes within and beyond school.

**Maths**

In Maths, this half term Year 4 will be focusing on measurement at the beginning of the term. The children will learn how to find the area of different shapes. The children will then move on to multiplication and division for the rest of the half term. They will learn their times tables and use them to help them in dividing numbers.

**Science**

In Science, we will be learning all about Electricity through identifying and exploring different appliances around the school. We will be designing and creating simple circuits that will incorporate the different components. We will explore questions: What is the difference between an insulator and conductor? What could prevent a circuit from working? These are all questions we will explore in this exciting topic to improve our understanding.

**Year 4 Class Information: Autumn 2**

**Teacher: Miss Roper**

**TA's: Miss Hepper, Miss Gilder, Mrs Arya, Miss O'Connor**

**RE**

In RE, Year 4 are learning about the religion of Christianity. We will be examining the laws and rules followed in the religion and the importance of the Church and the Bible for Christians. We will use RE artefacts to explore the importance of certain objects in the Christian religion.

**PE**

In PE, the children will be developing their fundamental movement skills during their Multi-skills lessons. They will also continue to take part in the Welling United Wellness Wings programme.

**RSE**

In RSE, the children will be exploring how community works. They will explore different communities and how they can be a part and make a change within one.

**French**

In French children will be learning to verbally practising to tell the time.

**General Information**

**PE:** Please make sure children bring their PE kits on the days that they have PE. They should have suitable clothing and footwear for both indoor and outdoor PE. As it's getting colder, the children should wear trousers instead of shorts.

They will have P.E on Thursdays and Fridays

**Water bottles/Clothing:** Please ensure all of your child's clothes are labelled in case they are misplaced. Please can your child bring a clean, suitable water bottle into class with their name on. The bottle **must** have a closable, non-spill lid.

**Reading**

We will do whole class reading **every day**. The children will work on a range of reading skills and strategies including inference.

Please try to read with your child every day at home for ten minutes. Please feel free to give feedback about how they got on, or the difficulty level of the banded reading book. We appreciate all parental feedback.

It has been so lovely to see so many children reading with parents at home and earning their reading certificates. Please continue to read at home with your child.

**Times Tables:** As part of the class 'Times Tables Challenge' the class will be practicing all of their times tables up to 12. It would be great for them to also practice these times tables at home.

**Dates for the Diary:**

**Parents evening: 15th and 16th November**

**Inset day: 25th November**

**Children in Need PJ day: 18th November**

**Year 3 and 4 cinema trip: 17th November**