

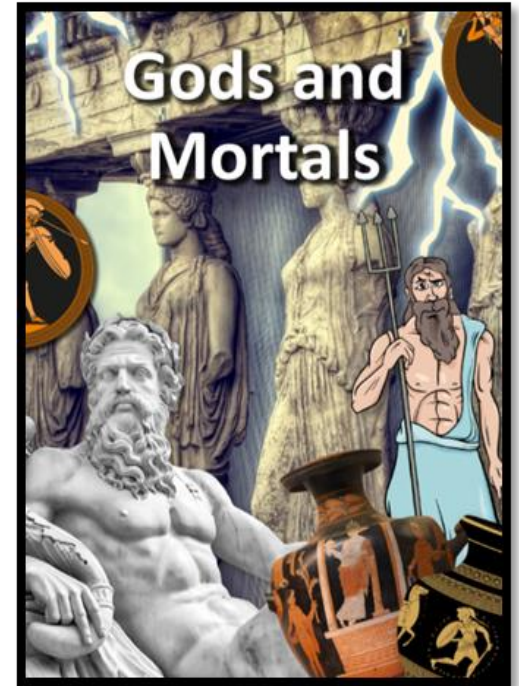
## Year 6 Autumn Term 1 - Parent Information

### Gods and Mortals

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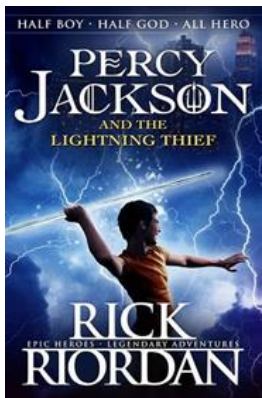
Let's discover a fantastical world of mythical creatures and heroes!

This half term, we'll explore the land of Greece and find out about the geography, culture, climate and the variety of Mediterranean islands that make up the country. We'll learn about Zeus and the other gods who reigned from Mount Olympus and listen to the fascinating stories of powerful gods, terrifying monsters, brave heroes and titans. We will use a range of historical source materials to research daily life in ancient Greece. What was it like to be a Greek citizen in a country that was the birth place of democracy, philosophy, drama and the theatre? Finally, we will consider the legacy of the ancient Greeks – they left the world such an impressive legacy of ideas that many of them were seen for centuries in the civilizations that followed and, even today, cultures around the world continue to display many of the features of life in ancient Greece.



### Helping your child prepare for their project

Greece is an amazing and varied country, with a rich culture and exciting history. Why not help your child gain an understanding of modern day Greece by allowing them to taste some traditional Greek dishes such as moussaka, figs, goat's cheese or taramasalata. They could write a food review, describing what they have eaten. You could spend time with your children looking at holiday brochures and travel websites. Perhaps you could plan a family holiday to one of the Greek islands! If money was no object, where would you go??



## Our Class Novel – Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief

Percy Jackson is about to be kicked out of boarding school... again. And that's the least of his troubles. Lately, mythological monsters and the gods of Mount Olympus seem to be walking straight out of the pages of Percy's Greek mythology textbook and into his life. And worse, he's angered a few of them. Zeus' master lightning bolt has been stolen, and Percy is the prime suspect.

Now Percy and his friends have just ten days to find and return Zeus's stolen property and bring peace to a warring Mount Olympus. But to succeed in his quest, Percy will have to do more than catch the true thief; he must come to terms with the father who abandoned him; solve the riddle of the Oracle, which warns him of betrayal by a friend; and unravel a treachery more powerful than the gods themselves!

Curriculum Themes for this half-term	
Memorable experience	Welcome to Greece! We sample Greek food and listen to the story of Kronos!
English	Writing a passage with an alternative character, Newspaper and Non-Chronological Reports
Maths	Place Value, Calculation, Fractions, Converting Units
Science	The Circulatory System & Working scientifically
A&D	Creating Greek pots using wire and clay.
Computing	Computing systems and networks - Communication and collaboration
Geography	Maps: Geographical similarities and differences between places - Greece
History	The Ancient Greeks
PSHE	Me and My Relationships
RE	Religious Diversity, the local Muslim community
French	Everyday life: Revisiting me, time, daily life of a super hero/pupil
Music	Glockenspiels/ Keyboards
PE	Striking and Fielding Games, Net Games