

MYTHS,
MONSTERS
AND
MARVELS IN
ANCIENT
GREECE



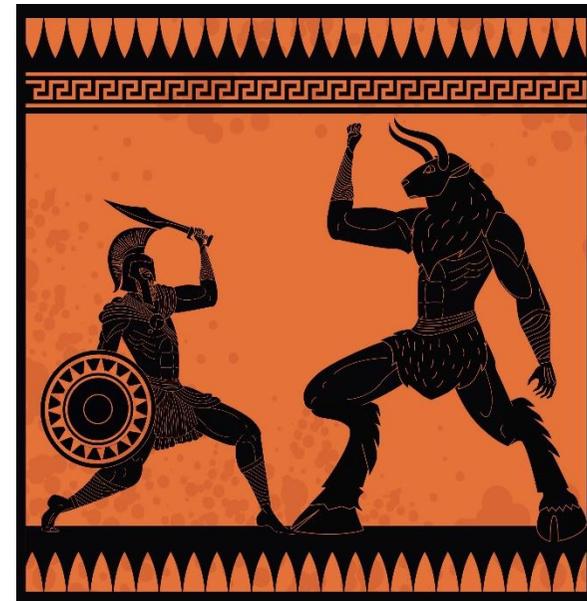
In Eagle Class this term, our main topic will be looking at the history of Ancient Greece.

In our stunning starter for this topic, we will be focusing on the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur.

The hero, Theseus, encounters the fearsome Minotaur in a maze on the island of Crete.

We will:

- investigate the structure of mazes in maths;
- construct our own maze and try to make it challenging to break out of;
- study the 'Meander Key' – a pattern used in Greek pottery and architecture that resembles a maze. We will use this as inspiration to design the cover for our topic folders.



Throughout our study of the Greeks, we will:

- Look at where Greece is located and when in history this occurred;
- Study the differences between life in Athens and life in Sparta;
- Investigate the Gods who lived on Mount Olympus;
- Study democracy and its impact;
- Study and re-tell a range of myths including those involving the Minotaur and the Medusa;
- Look at the Greek derivations of some modern words;
- Learn about warfare and the life of Alexander the Great;
- Learn about the Parthenon and the fate of its marbles;
- Research the Olympics.



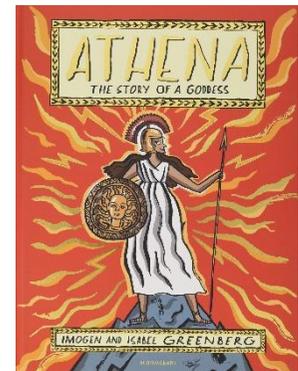
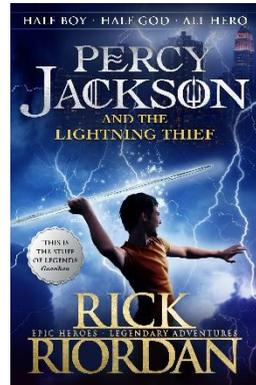
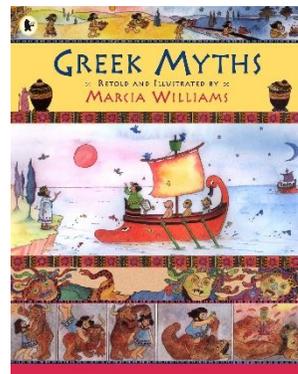
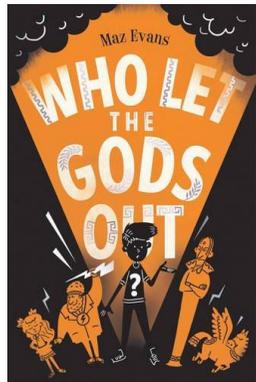
Pupils may wish to read these Ancient Greek themed books:

Who Let the Gods Out – Maz Evans

Greek Myths – Marcia Williams

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief – Rick Riordan

Athena – the Story of a Goddess – Imogen and Isobel Greenberg



In Science we will:

Study the properties of solids, liquids, gases.

Learn about temperature and changing state.

In RE we will:

Learn about the Creation Story;

Find out how Christians interpret the Creation Story and how they interpret it to find out about God.

In English we will be writing:

Instructions; letters; poetry; narratives; myths and diaries.