

Hello Everyone,

TBS welcomes new student Bentley-Scott Thomas-Williams who joins us in Year 8. Bentley has settled in well and we wish him all the best for his time here with us.



On Wednesday this week TBS took part in the 'Make your Mark' vote. Thank you to all those 16-18 Year olds coming back to school to cast your vote and have your voice heard. Your ongoing support to the school is greatly appreciated. Thanks, are also extended to all school students aged 11 – 16 for casting your vote and to Ms. Drinkwater and Mr Kimber for organising it all. Read on for more information.

House Points

The house point cup was retained by Cronks and our stars of the week were Chase in Primary and Molly and Bella in Secondary. Well done all!



We look forward to welcoming parents in on Tuesday and Wednesday next week for our settling in parent consultations for those in Years 7 and 10 and Primary. On Friday 17th at 11.30am we will have our annual Harvest assembly, please feel free to join us. School will finish at 12.30 in lieu of Sports day on Sunday 19th at the TB Sports field. You should have received a letter with full details for this event.

That's it for this week!

Tania Maggott
Head Teacher

'Make your Mark' Vote:

Following the success of the inaugural 'Make Your Mark' vote last year, with over 2900 young people voting from across the British Overseas Territories, Two Boats School were once again keen to take the opportunity to partake. It is a consultation for all 11 to 18 year olds within the British Overseas Territories to decide the topic which will be raised by the Overseas Territories Youth Representatives during the UK Youth Parliament sitting. The UK Youth Parliament is the only organisation other than MPs permitted to sit and debate in the House of Commons Chamber in London.

Since 2022, Mr Speaker has invited one young person from each British Overseas Territory to London to take part in a special debate on the floor of the House of Commons. In 2024, for the first time, young people from across the British Overseas Territories took part in 'Make Your Mark', helping to decide the topic of their debate, which was 'education and learning'. In 2025, young people are once again voting on their number one issue, which will become the debate topic for the Overseas Territories sitting in the House of Commons on 6th November 2025.



The choice of topics were:



Overseas Territories: Make Your Mark Vote 2025

We want to know what topic you care about most.

You have one vote, please mark an X in the box next to the topic you would like to vote for

1. Education and Learning: School/college and access to university and apprenticeships.	
2. The world we live in: Think about current conflicts and what is happening across the globe.	
3. Health and wellbeing: This can be physical or mental health.	
4. Rights, Equalities and Democracy: Can you have your say and feel listened to?	
5. Job, the Economy and benefits: Think about the cost of living, employment, and poverty.	
6. Crime and safety: This includes the Police and criminal justice system.	
7. Culture, media and sport: Think about the provision or what's missing in terms of these services.	
8. Climate change and the environment: Think green technologies and energy.	
9. Transport: This would be services to get around but also travel internationally	
10. Youth Work and young people's services: That is all services that work for young people and their funding.	

With a 94% turnout in 2024, Ascension was pipped to first place by the Pitcairn Islands but we are determined to top it this year. The votes are being counted as we speak and we will report the winning topic back to the Speaker's Office in Parliament.



Thank you to those who voted on the day.

“χαίρετε (khaírete)” (“Hello” in Ancient Greek) from Year 5 & 6

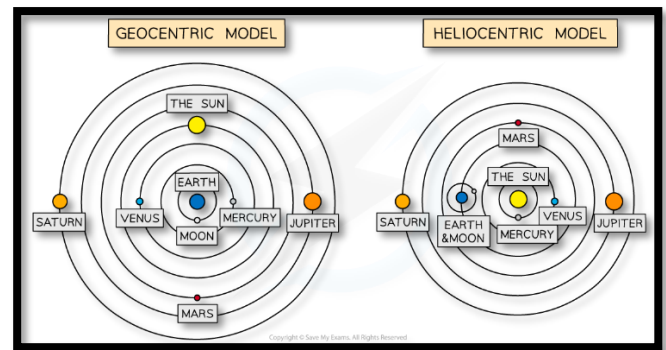


Year 5 and 6 have been studying the Ancient Greeks this term. They are known as brilliant thinkers, fierce warriors, great poets, wonderful artists, amazing athletes, worshipped powerful gods and told stories about extraordinary monsters...and the ancient Greeks were quite impressive too!



Our English text is based on Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief. He is a 12-year-old boy whose life has gone from being a totally normal teenage boy, who isn't very successful at school, to one where monsters from Greek mythology randomly appear in his life. We haven't finished the book yet but we have just discovered that he is the son of Poseidon and we know that he has ten days to catch the true lightning thief and stop all-out war breaking out.

In our Science topic of space, we have discovered that the ancient Greeks believed in a geocentric model, where the earth is at the centre of the universe. This idea was the dominant theory until about 500 years ago...although the first person to propose the current heliocentric (sun at the centre) model was also an ancient Greek.



We have really enjoyed finding out more about the life and times of the Ancient Greeks as part of our Humanities lessons. We have looked at the extent of the empire, the leadership qualities, what everyday life was like and compared the ancient and modern Olympics. This has been supported in PE, as we have been preparing for Sports Day and developing skills in many athletic events that were also on show in the ancient Olympic Games.



I find Percy and the Lightning Thief really funny
-Ronan

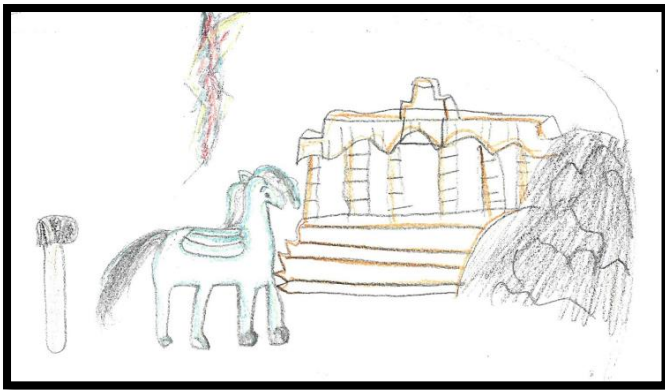
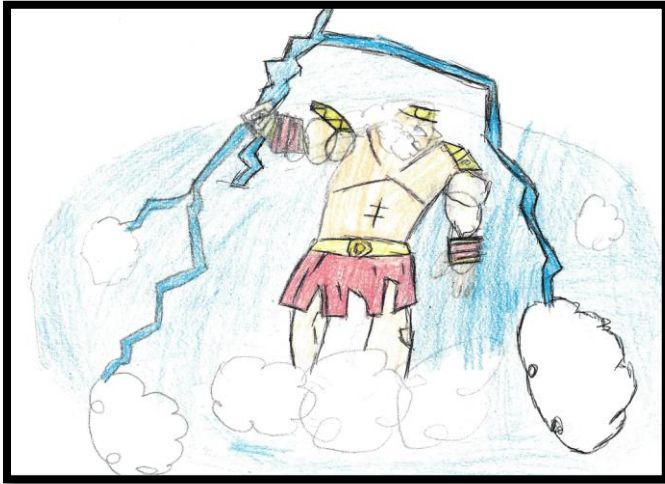
It's really exciting and I can't wait to read the next chapter. It's a real page-turner
-Talía

I love reading about Percy's adventures
-Kiana

I love finding out more about the mythical creatures in the story
-Zoe

I really like the story and hearing about ancient Greek gods in a modern setting
-Z.íntai.

In Art, we have been exploring the world of Greek art, researching artists that are linked with the time period as well as creating some of their pieces. Finally, we will create our own piece in a similar style using clay.



We have discovered some amazing facts along our learning journey:

Did you know:

- Ancient Greece wasn't an independent country but was in fact a group of city-states.
- Athenians' main form of transport was by boat, and fishing was big business.
- The life of a farmer was hard because the soil was dusty and the climate hot and dry
- Olive oil was used for cooking, lighting and washing.
- Alexander the Great was a great leader who expanded the ancient Greek empire but he

generally tried to be civil to those areas he conquered.

- Zeus throws lightning bolts when he is angry.
- Apollo caused the sun to rise and set by pulling it across the sky behind his chariot.
- Tragedies and comedies were performed in theatres.
- A 12m high gold and ivory statue of the goddess Athena was inside the Parthenon.
- Ancient Greek Olympians used to compete without any clothes on, apart from chariot racers.
- Only men were allowed to compete or spectate in the Olympics.
- An invention like the vending machine was created by Ancient Greeks.
- The ancient Greeks developed the first alarm clock.
- 12 major gods were believed to reside on Mount Olympus
- The Olympic Games originated in Ancient Greece in 776 BC
- Citizens used stones as toilet paper.
- For some time, the Greeks avoided eating beans, believing they contained the souls of the dead.