

Week beginning: 29th June 2020

Our topic for this summer term is all about Ancient Greece.

Remember to keep your eye on class stories for any extra ideas and Kahoot quizzes!

Day	Reading Remember to read for pleasure and try to do at least three readtheory sessions this week.	Writing	Maths	Other Ideas
Monday	Read the story below. Can you explain to someone how Medusa came to have hair made of snakes?	Remember our work on the Wind in the Willows? Now we are going to write a report about real badgers! https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/znc26v4	Revising fractions https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zd8mt39 Remember to keep going with Prodigy maths and TTRockstars too.	The Gods of Ancient Greece lived on top of Mount Olympus. In geography we are going to find out a bit more about mountains! https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbgsvk7
Tuesday	Use the next couple of days to answer the questions below the story.		More on fractions https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zhgxbk Remember to keep going with Prodigy maths and TTRockstars too.	What did the ancient Greeks do for us? Find out about some ancient Greek inventions that are still used today! https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39/articles/z8q8wmn
Wednesday		Report writing. Last week we looked at Hermes and the Greek gods. Pick one (different to the one you chose last week) and write a report about them.	Learn how to identify how many tenths have been shaded, the sum of two fractions split into tenths and how many more tenths are needed to make a whole. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmcny9g	What do we know about Ancient Greek culture? https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39/articles/zgpdjxs
Thursday	What is the lesson that can be learned from this story? Do you think it is an important message for nowadays? Why/ why not?	To revise similes and metaphors and use them in descriptive writing. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmg6pg8	Try these challenges! https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/znvf382	Discover how to make a fan and learn some key Spanish vocabulary with this KS2 Spanish craft activity. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfg9whv/articles/znn98xs
Friday	Try the reading comprehension Theseus and the Minotaur. Separate PDF document.	Remember the God you wrote the report on? Describe him or her using the similes and metaphors you learned about yesterday. Eg. Hermes was as fast as lightening (Simile) Hermes is a jet plane, whizzing messages around the world. (Metaphor)		Science Learning about states of matter. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z6j2mfr

Many years ago there was a beautiful women called Medusa who lived in a place called Athens in Greece. Every single day Medusa boasted about herself. She said to other people that she was the prettiest out of everyone in the whole wide world.

On Sunday, Medusa told the miller that her skin was more beautiful then fresh white snow. On Monday, she babbled to the cobbler that her hair was brighter than the sun. On Tuesday, she commented to the blacksmith's son that her eyes were greener than Aegean Sea. On Wednesday, she boasted to the public that her lips were redder than the reddest rose in the world.

When Medusa wasn't busy she would boast about herself while looking in a mirror. She thought she was the prettiest woman in the whole wide world - she really admired herself!

On and on Medusa went about her beauty to anyone and everyone who stopped long enough to hear her. Until one day, for the first time, Medusa and her friends went to the Parthenon - which was the biggest temple in Greece. It celebrated the goddess of wisdom and beauty – Athena.

Medusa saw a statue of Athena and she whispered "Whoever did this statue did do a good job... but it would look better if it was me!"

When Medusa reached the altar she sighed happily and said, "My, this is a beautiful temple. It is a shame it is wasted on Athena for I am much prettier than she is, perhaps one day people will build an even grander temple to my beauty."

Worried, Medusa's friend grew pale. The priestesses heard what Medusa said and they gasped. The news spread quickly through the whole temple and everyone started to leave. Everyone knew Athena would get angry if anyone compared her to someone else.

Before long the temple was empty of everyone except Medusa, who was so busy gazing proudly at her reflection in the large bronze doors that she hadn't noticed the fast departure of everyone else. While Medusa was gazing the figure changed. The figure changed into the goddess Athena.

"Vain and foolish girl!" Athena shouted angrily, "You think you're a prettier girl than me. While other people are working, playing or learning you just boast about yourself. Medusa there is more to life than beauty alone!"

Medusa tried to point out that her beauty was an inspiration to those around her and that she made their lives better by simply looking so lovely, but Athena silenced her with an angry wave.

"Nonsense," yelled Athena "One day beauty will fade away. But I will make it fade away now and all your loveliness will be gone forever."

When Athena uttered those words Medusa turned into a terrible monster. Her hair thickened into hissing snakes and her face was grotesque.

"Do you understand what you have done? Now anyone who looks in your eyes will now turn into stone!" snapped Athena, "Even you, Medusa, should you seek your reflection, will turn to rock the moment you see your face."

Athena then sent Medusa with her hair of snakes to live with the blind monsters, the gorgon sisters, at the end of the earth, so that no innocent people would be turned to stone at the sight of her by accident.

Questions for Tuesday/ Wednesday

Where did Medusa live?

Name 3 things that Medusa boasted about.

What is the Parthenon?

What did Medusa say when she saw a statue of Athena?

Why did people leave the temple?

Who appeared to Medusa in the temple?

What did Athena do to Medusa?

What will happen if you look at Medusa?

Where did Medusa go?

