

English and Literacy Home Learning Read and Respond Units Year 5



Week 1					
Year 5	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Focus theme: Ancient Greece. This week, the children will explore Greek Gods, Greek myths and Greek monsters leading up to writing their own monster vs. hero fight scene. For further stretch, children may be encouraged to blend action, dialogue and description within and across their paragraphs.	Explore the Greek Gods using the following website: https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/greece/greek-gods/ Makes some short notes about each God. Which is your favourite Greek God you have read about? Why? Now read this extract from the book 'Greek Gods and Heroes': https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/book/15699/Greek-Gods-and-Heroes-Meet-40-mythical-immortals-by-Sylvie-Baussier.html (You will need to become a member of the LoveReading4Kids community. Membership is free). Imagine you are to write an entry about your favourite God to go into the book. Design a page	Read, watch and listen to the Greek myth 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. Read: http://myths.e2bn.org/mythsandlegends/textonly563-theseus-and-the-minotaur.html Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQuAUBX5xBw Listen: https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/ks2-primary-history-ancient-greece-theseus/zkvqkmn Go back to the text http://myths.e2bn.org/mythsandlegends/textonly563-theseus-and-the-minotaur.html and use WordHippo https://www.wordhippo.com/ to investigate any words which you are unsure of. Write synonyms of these words and a definition.	Read Chapter 4 'My Mother Teaches Me Bullfighting' from <i>Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief</i> here: https://getfreestorybooks.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/7/7/107718885/riordan_rick-percy_jackson-the_complete_series.pdf (This will download as a pdf). You can also listen as you read here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2LNyTZZajE Write down words and phrases from the text that describe the minotaur. Now watch the film clip of the same scene here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wAE_PelHISM (PG certificate).	Research Greek monsters here: https://greekgodsandgoddeses.net/creatures/ Write down facts about your three favourites. Have a quick look at the extract from 'Myth Match: A Fantastical Flipbook of Extraordinary Beasts' here: https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/book/15071/Myth-Match-by-Good-Wives-and-Warriors.html Based on this, create your own Greek monster hybrid, such as a 'Chimarion' a mixture of a Chimaera and Arion. Draw a picture of your Greek monster and label its features. If you	Extended write: Using all you have read / watched throughout the week, create a fight scene/chapter between a hero (this may be you!) and the Greek creature you created yesterday. Try to include some 'ing opener' sentences and interesting words/phrases which you have collected throughout the week. Once you have written this, you may want to read it aloud to a family member or even record the reading to send to your teacher!

	which could be inserted into the book. Think about your layout so it is similar to the rest of the book. Features such as fact boxes, sub-titles and pictures may be used.	Re-write the story using a maximum of 500 words. Every word counts so make sure you use exciting vocabulary and a range of sentences to excite and interest your reader.	Have a go at writing some sentences that start with words ending in 'ing' to describe the scene, such as: <i>'Drawing his sword, Percy dived towards the fearsome creature.'</i> A list of words ending in 'ing' can be found here: https://www.mrsmuelersworld.com/uploads/1/3/0/5/13054185/ing_openers_cheat_sheet.pdf (This will download as a pdf). Use some of your 'ing openers' and your own ideas to write this scene in your own words.	need some help with the layout, have a look at the 'Monsterology' extract here: https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/book/3647/Dr-Drakes-Collectors-Library-by-Dugald-Steer.html and use this to create your own entry.	
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Additional activities:

If you loved this week, why not try some of these additional activities?

- Continue reading other Greek myths here: <https://www.greekmyths4kids.com/>
- Download a Greek magazine here: <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/primary-resource/ancient-greeks-primary-resource/> read and enjoy and then create your own entry.
- Create a comic strip for a Greek myth. Websites such as 'Storyboard That' <https://www.storyboardthat.com/> can be used to create your comic.