

## Year 3 Optional Homework Opportunities

This term your homework is linked to our Myths and Monsters (Ancient Greece) topic and we hope you will enjoy completing the activities. We have tried to include the ideas which you told us you were really interested in.

From the tasks below, choose 3 to complete over the whole term. You will have at least 2 weeks to complete each task, so we expect that you take care and put in effort so that you can complete it to the best of your ability. You can present your work by hand or use a computer. The hand-in dates are as follows:

### Homework 1: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January

### Homework 2: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

### Homework 3: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March

#### Theatre!

Ancient Greeks loved the theatre and they created many plays. You could make a theatre for puppets and create your own play or work on a production with parts for you and your friends. Find out about the masks the Ancient Greeks used in their productions.

#### Word Search

Decide on your theme (for example - famous inventions, or Greek foods) and collect your words - making sure - of course- that they are all correct!! Create a Word Search for your friends to try. Make sure the grid is clear and straight so that it can be copied for your class!

#### The Olympics.

One of the most famous legacies of Ancient Greece. Choose what to find out about. It could be about the first games, the records or the famous sports people involved. You could invent a sport to include in the next games.



#### FOOD

What food did the Ancient Greeks enjoy? What can you find out about their 'honey cakes'? Invent a menu or see if you are able to find the ingredients to make a modern day version.

#### Famous Greeks

What can you find out about the really important people from Ancient Greeks and why they are still remembered today? Present this research in any way you choose.

#### What Was It Like?

What can you find out about everyday Greek life? You could research housing, clothing or the differences between the rich and poor people.



#### Maths and Mazes

The Ancient Greeks were famous as mathematicians and they loved puzzles and brain teasers. Can you find or create some mathematical challenges or draw puzzles such as mazes to share with your friends? The most famous Greek maze was called 'labyrinth' - What can you find out about this?

# Monsters!!

You had lots of ideas about the monsters in Greek myths and you might want to try one of the following:

- Make a monster - design, construct or draw a monster from a myth. Naming and describing your creation would be a good idea too.
- Write to a monster - then bring your letter to school and post in the monster post box!
- Find out about the most famous monsters from Greek myths; Medusa, the Minotaur or the Kraken.

MINOTAUR	CERBERUS
	
A man-eating monster with the head of a bull. He was kept hidden in a labyrinth on the island of Crete.	A huge and powerful three-headed dog. He guarded the entrance to the underworld.
MAGIC 3 SPEED 48 LETHALITY 88 STRENGTH 85 MORALITY -48	MAGIC 28 SPEED 90 LETHALITY 82 STRENGTH 45 MORALITY -84

#### TOP TRUMPS

Choose a theme - monsters, or gods/goddesses and create a Top Trump game with the categories and scores worked out from your research.

## Year 3 Extended Learning Opportunities

### Places to visit

Unlike the Romans, the *Greeks* did not leave a great legacy behind them when they ventured to our shores. However, there are many museums holding artefacts.

The British museum in London has a wealth of *Greek* artefacts.

<http://www.britishmuseum.org/>

The University of Reading has a museum of *Greek* archaeology which is child friendly.

<http://www.reading.ac.uk/Ure/index.php>

### Useful websites to explore ancient Greece.

BBC Primary history - a superb site which we shall be using extensively

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/ancient\\_greeks/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/ancient_greeks/)

British Museum:

<http://www.ancientgreece.co.uk/>

Woodlands school gateway has links to *Ancient Greeks* sites

<http://www.chiddingstone.kent.sch.uk/homework/greece/general.htm>

Fun site with educational games about aspects of *Ancient Greece*

<http://www.everyschool.co.uk/history-key-stage-2-greeks.html>

The *Greek* tourist board website has information about historic sites and can give a flavour of the geography and climate of *Greece*.

<http://www.visitgreece.gr/>

### Other resources

Your local library has books about *Ancient Greece* for you to enjoy reading.