

Week 4 Home Schooling - English

English: 1] Keep reading, as often as you can.

2] Spelling rules and handwriting; we haven't done this for a while, so to remind you - write out the 2 rules in your best handwriting and then put the words into sentences.

Rule 1; to learn words with a silent 'k'; knew, knight, knot, knuckle.

Rule 2; to learn words with a silent 'w'; wrestle, wrinkle, answer, wreck.

How are you learning all the words from the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 spelling list? Have attached.....try 5 a day.

3] As you know, we have been looking at Greek Mythology. There is so much to look up, read and learn about. Keep looking at the site I gave you last week as it is very child friendly;

MythWeb

Go to the home page.....it has lots of information including the names of the Greek Gods and some of the heroes like Hercules, Perseus and Jason. Read about them.

You have 3 tasks;

TASK 1

Reread the story of Perseus and then tackle the task below;

DESCRIBING THE CHARACTERS FROM THE STORY OF PERSEUS AND ANDROMEDA

Describe, from the language and description below, whether each character was GOOD or BAD - why?

Look up any words you are unsure about.

ACRISIUS	Acrisius turned white with rage. He banished Danae and Perseus from his kingdom.
DANAE	Acrisius had one daughter, a lovely girl called Danae. Later, she clasped baby Perseus close in her arms and wept for fear.
ZEUS (KING OF THE GODS)	Zeus visited Danae in a shower of gold and spoke with her out of her shining mist.
PERSEUS	Perseus distinguished himself greatly..... Perseus strode towards..... Perseus succeeded in saving Andromeda from.....
KING POLYDECTES	He devised a scheme to remove Perseus without incurring any blame..... "Boaster and liar!" jeered Polydectes to The cunning Polydectes.....
HERMES	"Do not grieve," said Hermes, for the will of Zeus, we are here to help you."
ATHENA	"And I," said Athena, in her calm, sweet voice, "will lend you my shield...."

DICTYS	And there, Dictys, King Polydectes brother, found the sea chest and took Danae and Perseus to his home and looked after them.
THE GREY SISTERS	They lived in a lonely dark cave, in the dark north. All had been born old women with grey hair and they only had one eye and one tooth between them "We will tell you what you need to know but don't leave us in this darkness!"
NORTHERN NYMPHS	He bade farewell to the kind Nymphs. "We will lend you the shoes of swiftness so that you may escape from Medusa's terrible sisters."
MEDUSA	Perseus trembled as the reflected face of Medusa shone on the shield. The hissing snakes for hair turned every hair on his neck, upright.
KING CEPHEUS	King Cepheus, Andromeda's father, had chained her there as a sacrifice, hoping to satisfy the creature's fury. There was great rejoicing at the rescue of Andromeda and King Cepheus (& Queen Cassiopia) readily agreed that Perseus should marry her.
ANDROMEDA	Perseus had fallen in love with Andromeda at first sight.

TASK 2; (you might be able to use some of the information from last week.)

PERSEUS AND ANDROMEDA

Here are some questions from the story to answer; please use full sentences.

- 1] Why did Acrisius lock his daughter, Danae, away?
- 2] Who found Danae?
- 3] Which sisters helped Perseus (during his second quest) to find Medusa?
- 4] Describe where the Grey sisters lived.
- 5] Describe Medusa's hair.
- 6] What magic/evil power did Medusa have?
- 7] Which winged horse helped Perseus?
- 8] Who did the Gods send from the sea to kill Andromeda?
- 9] How did Perseus defeat the 'thing' from question 8?
- 10] How did the prophecy, which is the basis for the story, come true?

TASK 3; draw and describe.

Perseus, on his journey, needed to find the witches behind the North Wind, who lived in a very gloomy cave, high up a cliff face; he needed information on how defeat the Kraken.

Your task (using the attached paper) is to draw and colour the scene (3 witches, a cauldron and dark, slimy walls etc) and then describe the scene. Be really imaginative in describing the hideous witches and the cave surroundings.....use expanded noun phrases (adjective, adjective, noun) and a variety of sentence starters (fronted adverbials).