

ENGLISH TASKS



1. Monday - Orally retelling a Greek myth

Read the Greek myth 'Persephone and Demeter'. This tells the story of how Hades took Demeter's daughter Persephone, to live with him in the Underworld and how her grief-stricken mother, Demeter, fought for her safe return.

You may like to watch another version (follow the link below) and think about the similarities and differences the way the myth is retold. <http://myths.e2bn.org/mythsandlegends/playstory19837-demeter-and-her-daughter-persephone.html>

Now teach the myth to a member of your family and practise retelling it to each other, remembering the key events.

2. Tuesday - Greek myth reading comprehension

Re-read the Greek myth 'Persephone and Demeter' and answer the Mild, Hot or Spicy questions in full sentences. Once you have completed the questions, mark your work using the answers provided.

3. Wednesday and Thursday - Persuasive Writing

We would like you to apply your persuasive writing skills by writing a letter, trying to convince Hades that he should return Persephone to her mother. Make sure you use strong argument as a basis for your letter and try to include some of the persuasive letter features below:

Introduce why you are writing, clearly state the argument. Do you agree or disagree? (**You are disagreeing with what Hades is doing**).

- Explain in detail, using words such as: Firstly... Secondly... In my opinion... Some believe that... I feel that... I am sure that...
- Use powerful verbs.
- Give reasons for and against - use evidence.
- Ask the recipient rhetorical questions to get them thinking
- End with a summary of what you need.

Wednesday - Today we would like you to plan and start the first draft of your persuasive writing task, thinking about what you have already learnt about persuasive writing from last week's English sessions.

Thursday - Complete your first draft of your letter and then edit. Use a dictionary to help you check spellings and a thesaurus to help you improve word choices. Does your letter flow? Can you improve the persuasive language you have used?

4. Friday - Story board

Now that you know the Greek myth 'Persephone and Demeter' really well, create a story board showing the main points of the myth. For example:

- Demeter and Persephone
- Hades meeting Persephone
- The Underworld
- Hermes makes a deal with Hades
- Persephone is released and from then on we have four seasons.

You might want to include speech bubbles / thought bubbles showing what the characters might have said or thought. Have fun!