



Birches First School

Believe, Grow, Succeed



## School Closure Home Learning

### Year 4 Daily Tasks

Date: 23/3/20

#### Reading task

Read the following extract from Theseus and the Minotaur. Have a go at answering some questions -

A long time ago, the island of Crete was ruled by a king called Minos. On this island too lived a terrifying monster, which was half-man and half bull, called the Minotaur. He lived in a complicated maze called a labyrinth.

King Minos disliked the people of Athens, which was a city in Greece. This was because many years ago, the Athenians had killed Minos' son out of jealousy because the prince had won lots of prizes at the Athenian Games. This made Minos furious. He demanded that every nine years, fourteen young Athenians would enter the maze and be killed by the Minotaur. If the Athenians failed to send these young people, Minos would go to war against them.

Another nine years had passed and it was time for the Athenians to send another fourteen boys and girls. This time the King of Athens' own son Theseus wanted to be one of the chosen ones. Theseus was a brave and confident young man who loved adventure. He really wanted to be one of the fourteen young people sent to Crete because he wanted to destroy the Minotaur in revenge for what King Minos was doing to the young Athenians.

The King of Athens, Aegeus, was very upset by Theseus' decision. He begged his son not to go. "No Theseus! Do not do this. You will be killed. Do not make the journey to Crete!"

But Theseus ignored his father. He told Aegeus with determination in his voice, "I know I can slay this monster. Do not worry. I shall win! When I return, I shall make sure the sail of the boat is white to show I have won and have returned home victorious."

So, the day came and Theseus set sail with the thirteen other young Athenians. They raised a black sail to remember the young Athenians who had died before them at the hands of the Minotaur.

The journey was dramatic and the crew suffered terribly. Eventually they arrived in Crete where they were met by King Minos. With him was his daughter Ariadne. As the Athenians disembarked their ship, Minos immediately recognised Theseus.

"What are you doing here? The son of the King of Athens, a man I hate," Minos demanded.

"I have come to kill the Minotaur. You or the monster do not frighten me. I am here for my people who have suffered for many years because of what you demand!" declared Theseus boldly.

"HOW DARE YOU SAY THIS AFTER WHAT YOUR PEOPLE DID TO MY SON!" roared King Minos.

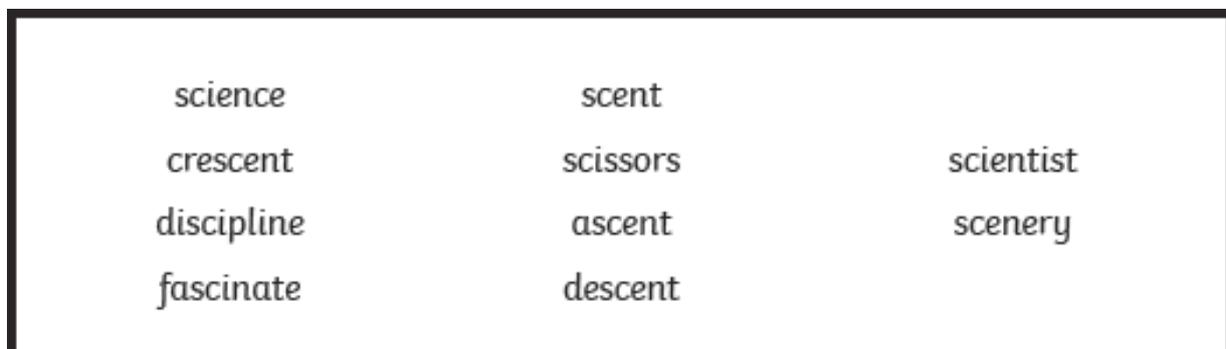
Ariadne, on hearing the courageous words of Theseus, fell head over heels in love with the young Athenian. Thinking to herself, she promised she would help him to kill the monster.

That night, Ariadne went to Theseus who was locked up in her father's prison in the palace. "Theseus. My name is Ariadne. I am the daughter of King Minos. Hearing your brave words today, I can see you are loyal to your people and I want to help you."

1. Why does King Minos not like the people of Athens?
2. What adjectives are used to describe Theseus? Can you think of any of your own?
3. Why does Theseus want to go to Crete?
4. Why is a black sail raised at the beginning of the journey?
5. Describe the journey to Crete in your own words.
6. What does "disembarked" mean?
7. Why are some of King Minos' words in capital letters?
8. In your own words, what does Ariadne think of Theseus?

## Writing/SPaG task

Word search - Words with the /s/ sound spelt with 'sc'



Extension – practise spelling these words using 'Look, cover, write, check'.

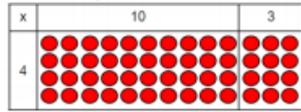
## Maths task

Multiply 2 digit numbers by a 1 digit number

Parent guidance –

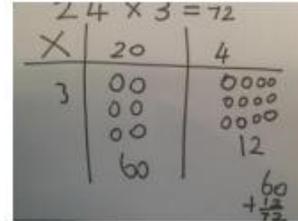
Concrete –

Use partitioning to multiply (hundreds) tens and ones. Show the link with arrays to first introduce the grid method.



4 rows  
of 10  
4 rows  
of 3

Pictorial –



Abstract –

Expanded grid method  
recording –  
 $15 \times 4 =$

$$\begin{aligned} 10 \times 4 &= 40 \\ 5 \times 4 &= 20 \\ 40 + 20 &= 60 \end{aligned}$$

Into compact grid method

X	10	5
4	40	20

$$40 + 20 = 60$$

Answer these questions using the method you feel most confident with!

a)  $38 \times 6 =$

d)  $52 \times 5 =$

b)  $71 \times 3 =$

e)  $29 \times 8 =$

c)  $45 \times 9 =$

f)  $17 \times 4 =$

Challenge!

Can you use your method to answer these –

$365 \times 6 =$

$291 \times 3 =$

$134 \times 7 =$

## Useful websites -

Twinkl

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk>

This is more for printouts, and usually at a fee, but they are offering a month of free access to parents in the event of school closures.

White Rose Maths

<http://whiterosemaths.com>

Free home learning maths lessons – videos and worksheets

BBC Learning

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/coursesearch/>

Futurelearn

<https://www.futurelearn.com>

Blockly

<https://blockly.games>

Learn computer programming skills - fun and free.

Scratch

<https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/>

Creative computer programming

Ted Ed

<https://ed.ted.com>

All sorts of engaging educational videos

National Geographic Kids

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

Activities and quizzes for younger kids.

Duolingo

<https://www.duolingo.com>

Learn languages for free. Web or app.

Mystery Science

<https://mysteryscience.com>

Free science lessons

The Kids Should See This

<https://thekidshouldseethis.com>

Wide range of cool educational videos

Crash Course Kids

<https://m.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids>

You Tube videos on many subjects

### Paw Print Badges

<https://www.pawprintbadges.co.uk>

Free challenge packs and other downloads. Many activities can be completed indoors.  
Badges cost but are optional.

### Tinkercad

<https://www.tinkercad.com>

All kinds of making.

### Prodigy Maths

<https://www.prodigygame.com>

Is in U.S. grades, but good for UK Primary age.

### Nature Detectives

<https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/>

A lot of these can be done in a garden, or if you can get to a remote forest location!

### British Council

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find>

Resources for English language learning

### Oxford Owl for Home

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>

Lots of free resources for Primary age

### Geography Games

<https://world-geography-games.com/world.html>

Geography gaming!

### Blue Peter Badges

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>

If you have a stamp and a nearby post box.

### The Artful Parent

<https://www.facebook.com/artfulparent/>

Good, free art activities

### Toy Theater

<https://toytheater.com/>

Educational online games

### DK Find Out

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/?fbclid=IwAR2wJdpSJSeITf4do6aPhff8A3tAktmnpaxqZbk-gudD49I71ep8-sjXmrac>

Activities and quizzes

### Indoor extras 😊

- Paint a family portrait
- Write and make a book
- Draw flowers or a fruit bowl
- Finger or footprint paint
- Have a dance alarm every 30 mins