



Birches First School

Believe, Grow, Succeed



School Closure Home Learning

Year 4 Daily Tasks

Date: 24/3/20

Reading task

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

She gave Theseus a sword and a ball of golden thread. "Tie the thread to the maze's entrance and unwind the string as you travel through the maze. Be careful. The labyrinth has many twists and turns and is it dark and scary. When you eventually encounter the Minotaur, slay him with this sword and then follow the thread to guide you back out!"

Theseus was thankful for Ariadne's kindness and promised that he would marry her if he was victorious.

The very next day, Theseus, having listened to Ariadne's advice, took the sword and thread and went to the labyrinth. He entered the maze with the other young Athenians who were very nervous. Calmly, he followed Ariadne's instructions and tied the thread to the main door and told his friends to stay there.

Theseus then travelled through the dark, complicated maze in his quest to find the Minotaur, trailing the thread along as he went. As he got further in, he could hear the roars and growls of the terrifying beast.

Suddenly, he came face to face with the frightening monster. It was strong and fearsome; a mighty beast. He roared with anger and charged at Theseus. It was a difficult battle, the Minotaur was vicious and fought hard but Theseus would not give in and with his sword, he finally killed the monster.

Dead. Theseus had done it!

Exhausted but delighted, Theseus dashed through the maze, using the thread to guide him back to his friends. As he came into view, the Athenians gasped at their blood-soaked friend but ran to him, giving him hugs of celebration.

"We must leave at once," commanded Theseus, "before King Minos finds out what I have done."

So without a moment's thought, Theseus grabbed proud Ariadne's hand and with the other Athenians running behind them, went to the island's shore and boarded their boat, leaving Crete forever.

After a few days of travel, Theseus decided that rest was required so the boat docked at an island. The crew relaxed and Ariadne was delighted to be with her love. She had never been happier. However, her dreams were soon crushed. Theseus realised that he did not truly love her and decided to leave her on the island and return home to Athens. Ariadne was heartbroken.

The final journey however was full of excitement and happiness. The Athenians had defeated the Minotaur.

Unfortunately, in the excitement of the victory, Theseus forgot one very important thing as the ship made its final voyage towards Athens – to change the sail to white!

As the ship came into view, King Aegeus saw the black sail and thought his son had been killed by the Minotaur.

"Theseus! My son!" cried Aegeus. So distraught was the king on seeing the doomed black sail, he threw himself off the rocks into the sea and to his death.

On landing, Theseus was told of this terrible tragedy. He wailed with unhappiness, realising the huge mistake he had made.

And so it was with sadness in his heart, that Theseus became the next King of Athens.

1. How might Theseus be feeling as he travels through the maze?

2. Why do you think the author writes a very short paragraph that only says, "Dead. Theseus had done it!"?

3. Why would Ariadne be proud of Theseus as they escape from the island?

4. What huge mistake does Theseus make? How do you think he feels at the end of the story?

5. Design a mythical creature and give it a name!

Writing/SPaG task

Punctuation Thief!

Someone has removed all the punctuation from 'James and the Giant Peach'. Read it aloud twice to help you insert the correct punctuation.

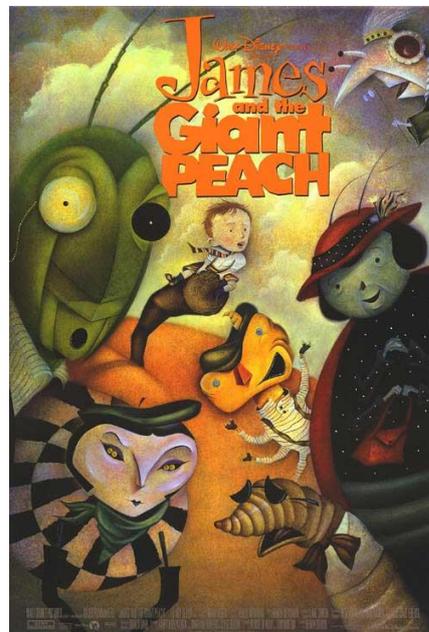
Hint: Look at the boxes below to help you choose the appropriate punctuation.

theres more magic and power in those things in that brown bag than in
all the rest of the world put together the old man said softly

but but what are they james murmured finding his voice at last. where
do they come from. ah-ha the old man whispered you'd never guess
that. he was crouching a little now and pushing the his face closer to
james until the tip of his long nose was actually touching the skin on
james's forehead

HINTS

commas ,
exclamation marks !
speech marks " "
question marks ?
full stops .
CAPITAL LETTERS

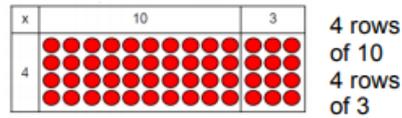


Maths task

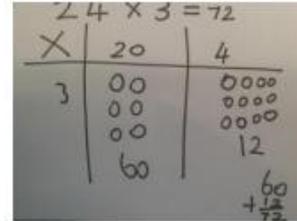
Multiply 2 digit numbers by a 1 digit number

Parent guidance –

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



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) $16 \times 4 =$

b) $23 \times 7 =$

c) $32 \times 5 =$

d) $64 \times 8 =$

e) $74 \times 3 =$

f) $172 \times 4 =$

Challenge!

Class 4 is selling tickets for a play.

Tickets cost £5 per person.

56 tickets have been sold so far.

How much money has Class 4 collected?

Rosie buys 8 bunches of flowers. Each bunch has 17 flowers.

How many flowers does she have altogether?