

English Task

When you start English at Wykham Park, we will be studying Greek myths. We do this because it is the basis of many stories and novels through time and so important culturally. They are also really good stories in their own right!

To help you prepare for starting English at Wykham Park, we would like you to try to complete the following tasks:

Task 1: Find out about the 12 Labours of Heracles/Hercules.

1. Who was Heracles?
2. Why does he have two different names?
3. Why was he a demi-god?
4. Why was he given the 12 labours?
5. List what they were.
6. Which one do you think would be the most challenging and why?

Starting anything new can be a challenge. Starting a new school can be especially challenging but challenges are good. What challenges would you like to overcome in:

- your first year;
- before you leave Wykham Park at 16 or 18?

For example, it could be as simple as make new friends or it could be something challenging like learning a new sport or going on a ski trip.

Task 2: Write about the most important challenge to you and explain why it is a challenge and what steps you are going to make to succeed. Write it out neatly on a piece of A5 paper so we can put it up in the English corridor.

Good Luck!

The English Team 😊

Wider Reading:

There are lots of books about Ancient Greece (and Rome) that you might enjoy. Here are some suggestions. You could also watch one of the many films set or linked to Greek mythology.

Percy Jackson books by Rick Riordan

Who let the Gods Out? By Maz Evans

Fleeced! By Julia Wills

Ancient Myths Collection by Geraldine McCraughan and Tony Ross

The Iliad and The Odyssey by Marcia Williams

Top Ten Greek Legends by Terry Deary