

Homework Tasks (Year 5):

- **Comprehension:** Please complete – and mark – ‘Olympics’ on pg.2 and 3 of this file. Answers can be found on pg.4. Your responses should be recorded in your Homework Jotter provided by school.
- **GPS:** Please read ‘Hermes’ on pg.5 of this file then answer – and mark – the ‘Word’ and ‘Sentence’ questions on pg.6 and 7. Answers can be found on pg.8. Please use these to help work out how to answer any questions you are unsure about. Your responses should be recorded in your Homework Jotter provided by school.

***Please ensure your completed homework is handed in at school on
Wednesday 13th March.***

- **Spelling:** A spelling test on **Spring 2 Week 2** list of words will take place next **Friday**. The list of words is available separately on the Woodpecker Class page of the school website. Please log onto Spelling Shed to support practice at home.
- **Multiplication Facts:** A test of a variety of multiplication facts will take place every **Thursday**. Please practise all facts up to 12 x 12.
- **Reading:** You are expected to do **at least 20 minutes** of independent reading at home, **every day**. *Please remember to log all new books read – both those at home and at school – in our class reading log as there are no home reading records in Woodpecker Class.*



Olympics

The first Olympic Games took place in 776 BCE to honour the Greek god Zeus. He lived on Mount Olympus, although the games didn't take place near the mountain. Instead, they were held in Olympia near the coast. Since then, the Olympic Games have changed a lot. However, there are some traditions that have remained.

Modern Olympic Games

Held every four years.

There are roughly 32 events in each modern Olympic Games. These demonstrate a variety of skills, including track and field, shooting, and team and racket sports.

With the introduction of the Paralympics in 1960, both able-bodied and disabled athletes can now compete in their favoured sports.

Both men and women compete at the modern Olympics.

Modern Olympic Games make lots of money through advertising and sponsorship deals. Athletes are sponsored by companies to promote their products and can make a good living this way. At his peak, Usain Bolt was reportedly earning \$10 million a year from a single sponsor.

Ancient Olympics Games

Occurring every four years between 776 BCE and 385 CE, they were then only held at important events hosted by the Ancient Romans.

At first, there was only one event - a short race over 190 metres. This distance was called a "stade" and is where we get the word "stadium" from. When the games were extended from one day to five, 17 other events were added. These included chariot racing, wrestling and boxing.

Only athletic men were allowed to compete in the Ancient Games.

Women were allowed to own chariots, and so the first ever female Olympian was Kyniska of Sparta. Her chariot won the race in 396 and 392 BCE. Unfortunately, she didn't see it, as women weren't allowed into the stadium.

Athletes in the Ancient Olympics were sponsored as well. Major cities paid their athletes to train hard and rewarded them handsomely if they were victorious. If they weren't, then they were often left in poverty or beaten. Athletes were expected to train for 11 months before the games, so they didn't have time for another job.



Food and drink are an important part of the spectator experience. Major companies sponsor the Olympic Games so that they can be the only ones selling a specific product.

Food and drink were sold in enormous quantities at the Ancient Games. Markets popped up everywhere, and there was even merchandise to be bought. Halfway through the games, a hundred oxen were slaughtered in honour of Zeus. They were cooked and handed out to guests.

Modern Olympic Games are held in different cities around the world. Each host city is awarded by the International Olympic Committee.

All of the Ancient Games were held in Olympia. There were other important athletic games held around Greece, but the Olympics was one of the most important.

RETRIEVAL FOCUS

1. Which god was honoured in the Ancient Games?
2. What did they sacrifice halfway through the games?
3. How many events are in the modern Olympic Games?
4. When were the first Paralympic Games?
5. Who was the first female Olympian?

VIPERS QUESTIONS

S

How was sponsorship different in the Ancient Games?

V

Find and copy a phrase that means ancient athletes were given lots of prizes if they won?

V

Write a synonym for “victorious”.

S

How is the location of modern games different to ancient games?

I

Why might ancient athletes have struggled to hold down another job?

Answers - Olympics:

1. Zeus
2. Oxen
3. 32
4. 1960
5. Kyniska of Sparta

S: Ancient athletes were only paid if they won and were often left in poverty if they didn't.

V: Rewarded (them) handsomely

V: Triumphant / winning / successful

S: The modern games are held in different cities each time, the ancient games were always held in Olympia

I: They had to train for most of the year

Hermes



Hermes is one of the most famous Greek gods. He was a messenger for the other gods and was the only one who could cross between the land of the living and the Underworld. He was also a trickster god who liked to play pranks on the other gods.

It is thought that his name came from the Greek word “herma”. This described a pile of stones called a cairn. These were often used as markers along trails and roads to tell people where to travel. As the messenger god, Hermes would have used cairns to help him find his way.

To help him on his journey, Hermes had a pair of winged sandals and a winged cap that gave him phenomenal speed.

Hermes appears in lots of Greek myths. Perhaps nothing reveals how diverse Hermes’ believers were than the fact that he was the protector of shepherds, merchants and travellers but also the guardian of thieves.



FOCUS ON - TEXT

1 Choose the correct verb form to show that this sentence is written in the past progressive.

As the messenger god, Hermes _____ cairns to help him find his way.

Tick **one**.

- use
- used
- was using
- is using

2 Match the underlined words to their verb tense.

Hermes is one of the most famous Greek gods.
Hermes has appeared in lots of Greek myths.
Hermes had a pair of winged sandals and a winged cap.

past
present perfect
present

3 Choose an appropriate adverbial and write it into the sentence below.

_____ being the protector of shepherds, merchants and traveller, Hermes was also the guardian of thieves.

As a consequence

On the other hand

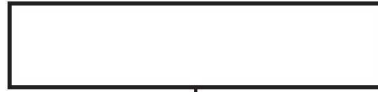
As well as

Later



FOCUS ON - PUNCTUATION

1 Identify the type of apostrophe in the sentence below.



Nothing reveals how diverse Hermes' believers were than the fact that he was the protector of shepherds, merchants and travellers but also the guardian of thieves.

singular possessive

plural possessive

contraction

2 Which sentence uses the brackets correctly?

- Stone (markers cairns) were often used along trails and roads to tell people where to travel.
- (Stone markers cairns) were often used along trails and roads to tell people where to travel.
- Stone markers (cairns) were often used along trails and roads to tell people where to travel.
- Stone markers (cairns were often used) along trails and roads to tell people where to travel.

CHALLENGE

3 Rewrite the list below using bullet points.

Hermes was the protector of shepherds, merchants and travellers.

Hermes was the protector of:



Answers - Hermes

TEXT

1. As the messenger god, Hermes was using cairns to help him find his way.
2. present – Hermes is one of the most famous Greek gods.
present perfect – Hermes has appeared in lots of Greek myths.
past – Hermes had a pair of winged sandals and a winged cap.

CHALLENGE QUESTION:

As well as being the protector of shepherds, merchants and traveller, Hermes was also the guardian of thieves.

PUNCTUATION

1. plural possessive apostrophe
2. 3rd option – Stone markers (cairns) were often used along trails and roads to tell people where to travel.

CHALLENGE QUESTION:

Hermes was the protector of:

- shepherds
- merchants
- travellers