

Homework Tasks (Year 6):

- **Comprehension:** Please complete – and mark – ‘The Trojan Horse’ on pg.2, 3 and 4 of this file. Answers can be found on pg.5. Your responses should be recorded in your Homework Jotter provided by school.
- **Maths:** Please complete – and mark – ‘Calculating Ratio’ on pg.6 of this file. Answers can be found on pg.7. Please use these to help work out how to answer any questions you are unsure about. Your responses should be recorded in your Homework Book provided by school.

***Please ensure your completed homework is handed in at school on
Wednesday 20th March.***

- **Spelling:** A spelling test on **Spring 2 Week 3** 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:*



Trojan Horse

“Listen, I know it’s cold and uncomfortable, but we’re here to rescue our queen, Helena. This is where your honour and bravery are tested, men.” Alexios sighed. He knew how the men were feeling. The war against Troy had been going on for years, and they were all absolutely exhausted.

“The thing is, captain, she’s been there for quite a while, yes?” one of the soldiers said from the rear of the dark, wooden cabin. Shafts of late evening sunlight speared through the gaps between the planks, but nobody wanted to look outside just yet.

“What of it, soldier?” Alexios replied.

“Well, Paris wasn’t the best looking bloke anyway. And, I’m just thinking that if she’s been surrounded by handsome Trojans all this time...” he trailed off and waved his hands suggestively in the air.

“I hope you aren’t suggesting that our fair Spartan queen will have run off with some Trojan scallywag and forgotten all about her homeland?”

“It was just a thought,” the soldier said glumly. “No need to go all Athenian about it.” The other soldiers sniggered at the exchange. Alexios let them have their laughs, they might well be their last.

“Why can’t we head out now and start slaughtering them while they sleep?” another soldier asked. Alexios recognised him as a scrawny man named Atticus. “That’s what I’m looking forward to! Besides, the air is getting a bit ‘lived-in’, if you know what I mean. Plus, I need to visit the little Spartan’s room.” He had the decency to look embarrassed.

Alexios frowned and rubbed his temples. There was something unnerving about how eager Atticus was to unsheathe his weapon. He’d talked eagerly about it before, and Alexios had found it very difficult to fall asleep in the same room as him ever since. “Have you felt us move, yet?” he asked patiently. Atticus shook his head to more stifled



giggles from the others. “Then it is very likely that we are still outside the gates. Can you imagine having to report back to Sparta that we didn’t manage to infiltrate Troy and that their very expensive plan had been ruined just because good old Atticus needed a wee and the others had been eating too many beans?” Alexios watched as Atticus turned red and the others burst into raucous laughter. “I didn’t think so.”

“There are cracks in the planks on the floor,” offered up a nervous voice from the front that Alexios knew to belong to a cowardly man named Demetrius.

“What are you on about soldier?” Alexios snapped. He felt like his last nerve wasn’t just being stretched, but was being pulled and plucked and twanged like a lyre.

“He said he needed a wee...” Demetrius began before an incredulous soldier sat in the row next to him cut him off.

“You didn’t wee on the floor! I knew I felt something on my ankle a few minutes ago! That’s disgusting.”

Alexios bit his tongue. Suddenly, he felt the floor of the cabin start to rock. It was almost imperceptible at first, but then it grew more noticeable as it picked up speed. “Gentlemen,” he began in a hushed whisper, “it would appear that they are finally escorting us into their city. All we need to do now is wait until the sun has set, and then we can get our revenge and end this war.”

“And slaughter them in their sleep!”

“And have a wee!”

The captain turned and sat down on a suspiciously damp wooden bench. “I’m getting too old for this,” he muttered to himself.

INFERENCE FOCUS

1. What evidence is there that Alexios was fed up with their situation?
2. What kind of voice might Demetrius have? Which words could you use to describe it?
3. What evidence is there that Atticus would be hard to put up with?
4. Do you think the other soldiers respect Alexios? Why?
5. Why might the bench have been “suspiciously damp”?

VIPERS QUESTIONS

V

What does the word “incredulous” tell you about the soldier?

V

Find the phrase that starts “He felt like his last nerve...”. What does the phrase mean?

R

Who were they trying to rescue?

R

Which city were they trying to get into?

S

Summarise why the first soldier thinks it might not be worth it.

Answers - Stage 6 - Trojan Horse:

1. He was getting angry and he knew how the men were feeling. He felt exhausted
2. Accept answers that show an understanding of him being nervous and cowardly - words like whiny, moany etc.e
3. He's moaning about the air smelling and the fact he needs a wee.
4. Accept answers that talk about them laughing quietly, asking inappropriate questions and moaning all the time
5. Somebody had weed on it

V: He was incredibly angry and couldn't believe what he was hearing

V: He was getting more and more frustrated and worked up

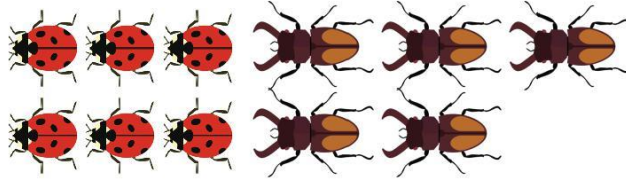
R: Helena (the queen of Sparta)

R: Troy

S: She's been gone a long time and surrounded by handsome Trojans. She might have moved on.

Calculating Ratio

4. Tick the correct statements about the representation below.



- A. For every 5 beetles, there are 6 ladybirds.
- B. If there are 15 beetles, there will be 18 ladybirds.
- C. If there are 30 ladybirds, there will be 55 insects in total.
- D. If there are 44 insects in total, 22 of them will be beetles.



VF
HW/Ext

5. Two numbers are in the ratio 3 : 4.



One of the numbers is 36.

There are two possible values for the other number.

Write the two possible values in the boxes below.



VF
HW/Ext

6. Oscar is following a recipe to make some homemade soup for a party.

To make 500g of soup, the ratio of carrots to potatoes is 4 : 5.

He wants to make 2kg of soup.

He says, "I will need to buy 15 carrots to make enough soup."

Is he correct? Explain why.



RPS
HW/Ext

Homework/Extension Calculating Ratio

Expected

4. A, B and C

5. 27 and 48

6. Oscar is incorrect. He needs to buy 16 carrots as he needs to make 4 times the given amount.