### Weekly Maths Tasks (Aim to do 1 per day)

**Measures:** mass grams (g) / Kilograms (kg)

1. Find things in the house that could be weighed in grams or kilograms and read what the measurements are in (Sugar, flour, soil, butter, cheese, rice, pasta, Lego etc.) Which has the largest mass and which has the smallest?

2. Using a cup and weighing scales. Estimate how many cups of salt, flour, pasta or rice it would take to make 100g, 200g, 500g and 1kg.

3. Find some small objects in the house that can hold salt, flour, pasta or rice, eg egg cup, cup, glass, tin can etc. Fill them up one at a time, pour the chosen solid onto the weighing scales and read the measurements.

4. Using the measurements from the activity above compare them. Order from the ascending order. Then from descending order.

5. Using the same measurements, present your data on a bar chart.

### Weekly Reading Tasks (Aim to do 1 per day)

1. Read a poem of your choice and practise this every day, on Friday you need to be able to perform your poem with expression.

2. Listen to your child read and discuss what they have read.

3. Watch Newsround and discuss what is happening in the wider world.

4. Get your child to read a book on Oxford Owl or one of their books.

5. It’s performance time! Perform your chosen poem using lots of expression. If you are able to please record yourself performing it and upload your performance on to the school Twitter page. @PagetPrimary.

### Weekly Phonics/Spelling Tasks (Aim to do 1 per day)

1. Practise on spelling shed (at least 20 minutes)

2. Practise spelling Year 3 and 4 common exception words (at least 20 of them)

3. Include a selection of your common exception words in your written work.

4. Use the following words in sentences: fruit, grammar, February, guard, heard, breath and breathe.

5. Using a dictionary find the meaning of the words you underlined during Monday’s writing task.

### Weekly Writing Tasks (Aim to do 1 per day)

Look at the story below the table:

1. Read the myth, ‘Theseus and the Minotaur’, underline any of the words you do not know the meaning of.

2. Compare ‘Theseus and the Minotaur’ to another myth such as ‘The Trojan Horse’, ‘King Midas and the Golden Touch’ or ‘Medusa’. What similarities and differences do you notice between them?

3. Imagine you are Theseus the night before he goes in to the labyrinth. Write a letter home to your father explaining to him what has happened. See if you can include some of your common exception words.

4. If you were to go and fight the Minotaur what two items would you take with you? Write a paragraph explaining your choices.

5. Next week you are going to write your own myth, today you need to think of the monster that will be in your myth. Draw a picture of it and write some fantastic adjectives to describe your monster around the outside of it. Mr Bagshaw loves anything to do with Ancient History so please share your creations on the school Twitter page so he can see! @PagetPrimary

### Wider Learning project – to be done throughout the week

We have been looking at light and shadows this week we are going to continue this. Gather different objects and/or materials from around your house, these could be a mirror, bottle, piece of paper etc. (try to find at least 6 items made out of different materials) You are going to shine a light through these different
objects and observe what happens, do some objects allow the light to travel through? Or do they block the light? Or they may even reflect the light back. Record your findings in any way you would like. Why don’t you share your findings with the rest of the school and post it on our school Twitter page. @PagetPrimary

### Additional learning Resources You May Wish to Engage with:

- TT Rock stars
- Spelling Shed
- Literacy Shed
- Oxford Owl Reading
- Top marks/hit the button
- Once Upon a Picture
- BBC Bitesize
- [https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/ks2-primary-history-ancient-greece-theseus/zkvqkmn](https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/ks2-primary-history-ancient-greece-theseus/zkvqkmn)

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**Theseus and the Minotaur**

**An Ancient Greek Myth**

As the story goes ...

Once upon a time, a long time ago, there lived a king named Minos. King Minos lived on a lovely island called Crete. King Minos had everything a king could possibly want. Now and then, King Minos sent his navy to the tiny village of Athens, across the sea.

The king of Athens did not know what to do. He was desperate. He figured if he had some time, he could build a strong navy, strong enough to send King Minos packing the next time he attacked Athens. The king of Athens offered King Minos a deal. If he would not attack Athens for 9 years, Athens would send 7 boys and 7 girls to the island of Crete to be eaten by the awful monster that King Minos kept as a pet, the dreaded minotaur.

The minotaur lived in the heart of a maze on the island of Crete. King Minos loved that old monster. King Minos only attacked Athens when he was bored. He really didn't want anything. This way, his beloved monster could look forward to a special treat every 9 years or so. King Minos took the deal.

Although Athens did build a navy, King Minos did not attack as the king of Athens had expected. In fact, King Minos kept his word. And now it was time for Athens to keep theirs. Everyone in Athens was crying.
Prince Theseus of Athens knew the importance of keeping your word. He knew that a deal was a deal. But, he was also quite sure that it was wrong to send small children to be eaten by a monster. Prince Theseus told his father (the king) that he was going to Crete as the seventh son of Athens. He was going to kill the Minotaur and end the terror.

"The Minotaur is a terrible monster! What makes you think you can kill it?" cried his father.

"I'll find a way," Theseus replied gently. "The gods will help me."

His father begged him not to go. But the prince took his place as the seventh Athenian boy. Along with six other Athenian boys and seven Athenian girls, Prince Theseus sailed towards Crete.

When the prince and the children arrived on the island of Crete, King Minos and his daughter, the Princess Ariadne, came out to greet them. The Princess Ariadne did not say anything. But her eyes narrowed thoughtfully. Late that night, she wrote Prince Theseus a note and slipped it under his bedroom door.

Dear Theseus (Ariadne wrote)

I am a beautiful princess as you probably noticed the minute you saw me. I am also a very bored princess. Without my help, the Minotaur will surely gobble you up. I know a trick or two that will save your life. If I help you kill the monster, you must promise to take me away from this tiny island so that others can admire my beauty. If interested in this deal, meet me by the gate to the Labyrinth in one hour.

Yours very truly,
Princess Ariadne

Prince Theseus slipped out of the palace and waited patiently by the gate. Princess Ariadne finally showed up. In her hands, she carried a sword and a ball of string.

Ariadne gave the sword and the ball of string to Prince Theseus. "Hide these inside the entrance to the maze. Tomorrow, when you and the other children from Athens enter the Labyrinth, wait until the gate is closed, then tie the string to the door. Unroll it as you move through the maze. That way, you can find your way back again. The sword, well, you know what to do with the sword," she laughed.
Theseus thanked the princess for her kindness.

"Don't forget, now," she cautioned Theseus. "You must take me with you so that all the people can marvel at my beauty."

The next morning, the Athenian children, including Prince Theseus, were shoved into the maze. The door was locked firmly behind them. Following Ariadne's directions, Theseus tied one end of the string to the door. He told the children to stay by the door and to make sure the string stayed tied so the prince could find his way back again. The children hung on to the string tightly, as Theseus entered the maze alone.

Using the sword Ariadne had given him, Theseus killed the monstrous beast. He followed the string back and knocked on the door.

Princess Ariadne was waiting. She opened the door. Without anyone noticing, Prince Theseus and the children of Athens ran to their ship and sailed quietly away. Princess Ariadne sailed away with them.

On the way home, they stopped for supplies on the tiny island of Naxos. Princess Ariadne insisted on coming ashore. There was nothing much to do on the island. Soon, she fell asleep. All the people gathered to admire the sleeping princess. Theseus sailed quietly away with the children of Athens and left her there, sleeping.

After all, a deal is a deal.