**Myths and Legends Extended Enquiry**

This term, you are going to be independently researching different myths and legends. They could be:

* Old English myths i.e. Beowulf
* Norse myths i.e. Thor
* Myths about King Arthur and his knights
* From an ancient civilization i.e. Ancient Greece, Ancient Egypt, Rome
* From different parts of the world

**Every week, you need to research a different myth/legend and complete a creative response to it, either in the back of your exercise books or in a separate notebook. You need to write down which myth you have researched and the main points of the story. Before Easter, you will be presenting your finished extended enquiry to the rest of the class and your teacher/fellow classmates will be deciding on the best one.**

Ideas for creative responses:

* A modern version of your myth, re-written;
* Drawings of the characters from the myth, labelled with key information;
* A storyboard of the main points of the story;
* A story, short description or poem inspired by the myth;
* A diary entry from the point of view of one of the characters at one or two points during the myth;
* A film trailer;
* Top trump style cards for each character in the myth.

Try and do something different every week. You should be spending **30 minutes** reading and **30 minutes** on your creative response.

**Where to go for help:**

This website about famous myths is a great starting point: <http://myths.e2bn.org/mythsandlegends/>

Also:

- <http://www.ancient-origins.net/myths-legends>

- <http://www.talesbeyondbelief.com/myth-stories/myth-stories-index.htm>

- <http://www.caerleon.net/history/arthur/page2.htm>

There is a whole section about myths/legends in the library – please ask Ms. Wardill for help or your English teacher when you’re next in for a library lesson.

**Wider reading list**

If you are enjoying studying myths and legends in class, here are some fiction books you might like to read in your own time:

*Who Let The Gods Out?* – Maz Evans

*Odd and the Frost Giants* – Neil Gaiman

*The Chronicles of Prydain* – Lloyd Alexander

*The Blackwell Pages series* – K.L. Armstrong

*Thrones and Bones series* – Lou Anders

*How To Live Like A Viking Warrior* - Anita Ganeri

*King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table* – Roger Lancelyn Green

*Here Lies Arthur* – Phillip Reeve

*Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series, *The Heroes of Olympus* series, *The Sword of Summer* series – Rick Riordan

*The King Arthur trilogy* – Rosemary Sutcliff

*The Shadow Thieves* – Anne Ursu