



**Nelson Primary School**  
**Inspiring Ambition, Achieving Success**  
**Weekly Homework Tasks**

**Key Stage 2 Year 5**

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Homework books will be collected in on Monday and will be returned on Tuesday.

**Reading** - Please read aloud to an adult every day. Write a summary of what you have read or discuss the story with an adult. Please record in your reading record book the pages that you have read each day. **Remember to bring your book and reading record to school every day.** Please visit Nelson School Library for your reading wristband books.

**Maths** - Please practise your **Division facts: 9** ready for your **test on Friday**. This is about knowing all the division facts associated with the nine times table. It is important that children can also use words other than 'divided by, e.g. shared by... etc. You could: Say: What is the answer to  $36 \div 9$ ?  $72 \div 9$ ? What is the missing number:  $? \times 9 = 27$ ? How do you know?

**Spelling**

- 1) You must **ensure you know the meaning of the word**. -use a dictionary to help you if you are unsure.
- 2) **Write a sentence for some of the words**. You can include more than one word in a sentence as long as it makes sense and shows that you understand the word.
- 3) **Practise and study all of the spelling words ready for the Weekly Spelling Test**. Complete on the table below
- 4) **Use your spelling menu to help you Practise your spellings**. You can pick whatever activities you like to help you learn all the words.

**Look Say Cover Write Check**

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<i>breath</i>						
<i>breathe</i>						
<i>build</i>						
<i>busy</i>						
<i>business</i>						
<i>calendar</i>						
<i>caught</i>						
<i>centre</i>						
<i>century</i>						
<i>certain</i>						

You can choose to use this table if you like. Please make sure you Write your sentences in your homework books.

**Comprehension** - **Read your text and complete the comprehension questions in your homework book.**

Remember to write in full sentences and use P.E.E (Point, Evidence, Explanation) when answering the questions, go back and re-read your work to make sure you have answered the questions completely and your work makes sense. Do not write out the questions! **Your Homework book and completed homework/comprehension MUST be in school on MONDAY** so you can go over your work and answers with your teacher.

## Pandora's Box

Has your curiosity, ever got you into trouble? Have you ever been so desperate to know a secret that you took no notice of a warning? All through history there are stories of people being told not to open doors, caskets, cupboards, gates and all sorts of other things and, in so many of the stories, the people just did not listen. One person who did not listen was Pandora. Her story comes from Ancient Greece and her curiosity brought a whole heap of trouble!

In ancient Greece there were two brothers named Epimetheus and Prometheus. They upset the gods and annoyed the most powerful of all Gods, Zeus, in particular. This was not the first time humans had upset Zeus, and once before, as punishment, he had taken from humans the ability to make fire. This meant they could no longer cook their meat and could not keep themselves warm.

However, Prometheus was clever and he knew that, on the Isle of Lemnos, lived Hephaestos, the blacksmith. He had a fire burning to keep his forge hot. Prometheus travelled to Lemnos and stole fire from the blacksmith. Zeus was furious and decided that humans had to be punished once and for all for their lack of respect.

Zeus came up with a very cunning plan to punish the two brothers. With the help of Hephaestos, he created a woman from clay. The goddess Athene then breathed life into the clay, Aphrodite made her very beautiful and Hermes taught her how to be both charming and deceitful. Zeus called her Pandora and sent her as a gift to Epimetheus.

His brother Prometheus had warned him not to accept any gifts from the gods but Epimetheus was completely charmed by Pandora, he thought she was so beautiful that she could never cause any harm, so he agreed to marry her.

Zeus, pleased that his trap was working, gave Pandora a wedding gift of a beautiful box. However, there was one very, very important condition; she must never open the box. Pandora was very curious about the contents of the box but she had promised that she would never open it.

All she could think about was; what could be in the box? She could not understand why someone would send her a box if she could not see what was in it. It seemed to make no sense at all to her and she could think of nothing else but of opening the box and unlocking its secrets. This was just what Zeus had planned.

Finally, Pandora could stand it no longer. When she knew Epimetheus was out of sight, she crept up to the box, took the huge key off the high shelf, fitted it carefully into the lock and turned it. But, at the last moment, she felt a pang of guilt, imagined how angry her husband would be and quickly locked the box again without opening the lid and put the key back where she had found it. Three more times she did this until, at last, she knew she had to look inside or she would go completely mad!

She took the key, slid it into the lock and turned it. She took a deep breath, closed her eyes and slowly lifted the lid of the box. She opened her eyes and looked into the box, expecting to see fine silks, gowns or gold bracelets and necklaces or even piles of gold coins.

But she was wrong, there was no gleam of gold or treasure. There were no shining bracelets and not one beautiful dress! The look of excitement on her face quickly turned to one of disappointment and then horror. For Zeus had packed the box full of all the terrible evils he could think of. Out of the box poured disease and poverty. Out came misery, out came death, out came sadness - all shaped like tiny buzzing moths.

The creatures stung Pandora repeatedly, she slammed the lid shut and cried out in pain. Epimetheus ran into the room to see why she was crying in pain. Pandora could still hear a voice calling to her from inside the box, pleading with her to be freed. Epimetheus agreed that nothing inside the box could be worse than the horrors that had already been released, so they opened the lid once more.

All that remained in the box was Hope. It fluttered from the box like a beautiful dragonfly, touching the wounds created by the evil creatures, and healing them. Even though Pandora had released pain and suffering upon the world, she had also allowed Hope to follow them.

**Questions – Answer these in your books in full sentences**

1. In the first paragraph, how does the writer presenting this myth get the reader interested in continuing to read? List three ways.
2. Who was the most powerful of the Gods? What were the names of the two men who upset him?
3. What was the consequence for humanity of having angered this God?
4. Look the following words up in the dictionary, writing the definition down.

forged \_\_\_\_\_

deceitful \_\_\_\_\_

freed \_\_\_\_\_

5. Why did Epimetheus decide to marry Pandora?
6. Why did Epimetheus and Pandora receive the box?
7. Why did Zeus forbid Epimetheus and Pandora from opening the box?