Year 7 English – what have we covered?

1. Contextual information about Ancient Greek myths:
   * Why did they write myths?
   * How were myths told and handed down?
   * What is an ‘epic’ poem?
   * Who was Homer and what did he write?
   * What elements did myths often involve? (xenia (hospitality), aristeia (heroism), moira (fate), philotimia (honour)
2. A range of Greek myths. Some of the most important:
   * Prometheus
   * Pandora’s Box
   * Theseus and the Minotaur
   * The Battle of Troy
   * The Odyssey
3. Identifying and being able to use a range of techniques:
   * Similes
   * Metaphors
   * Personification
   * Sibilance
   * Imagery
   * Pathetic fallacy
4. Understanding how to write a What? How? Why? paragraph.
5. Literacy:
   * Embedded clauses
   * Semi-colons
   * Word classes (adjectives, nouns, verbs, adverbs, prepositions)

**The baseline test in September will cover a selection of the above areas. You will be asked to look at a brief extract and answer some questions and complete some grammar tasks.**