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Y3 English Reading

Read the information about the Greek goddess Aphrodite and the Greek god Apollo and then answer the questions below.

Aphrodite

Aphrodite was the goddess of love and beauty. She rode a chariot through the skies and owned a girdle that would make people fall in love with whoever was wearing it. Some people said that she was the daughter of Zeus and Dione, although some believed that she emerged from the sea on a giant scallop. An argument she had with two other goddesses started the Trojan War. She was married to Hephaestus – the god of blacksmiths and metal working.



Apollo

Apollo was the son of Zeus and Leto, and the twin brother of Artemis – the goddess of hunting. He was the god of music, healing and medicine, light and truth. Apollo also had the ability to see into the future. Every day he rode a chariot pulled by swans and moved the Sun across the sky. He was also known as ‘the archer’ because of his skill in using his silver bow. His holy tree was the laurel and his holy animal was the dolphin.



1. How did Aphrodite travel?
2. Some believed that Aphrodite emerged from the sea. What does ‘emerged’ mean?
3. Apollo was the God of five different things. Can you name three of them?
4. Which animals helped Apollo to move the sun across the sky?
5. Why was Apollo known as ‘the archer’?
6. Apollo could see into the future and Aphrodite could make a person fall in love with someone. Which of these two powers do you think would be the most useful? Explain why.