

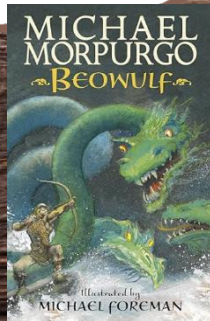
Autumn 2 in Year 5



English

This half term we will focus on *Beowulf* by Michael Morpurgo. This tale retells the legendary story of the heroic warrior Beowulf as he battles monsters whilst facing great challenges. Children will explore themes of courage, strength, loyalty, and the nature of heroism.

We are reading....



By the end of our unit, our goal is to write a further adventure for Beowulf. To prepare, we'll focus on using expanded noun phrases, describing settings, characters and atmosphere, and integrate dialogue with use of inverted commas.

Any additional reading or research about the legend of Beowulf, Anglo-Saxon history, or ancient heroes is highly encouraged.

Regular reading and research will expose children to a range of ideas, improve their vocabulary and expand their imagination.

Maths

We will be following the White Rose Maths programme of study and focus on multiplication and division. We will then move onto fractions where children will learn how to add and subtract fractions and to convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers with confidence.

Other

- PE will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday so please ensure children are wearing the correct PE kit.
- Homework will be set every Friday and due in the following Wednesday.

Reading

In class, we will be reading *Wild Boy* by Rob Lloyd Jones. This exciting mystery follows Wild Boy, a circus boy living in Victorian London, who becomes a detective to clear his name after being accused of murder. Children will explore themes of identity, acceptance, courage, and the importance of looking beyond appearances.



Science

In Science, we will be carrying on with our learning of Materials. We will learn about key properties such as hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity, and magnetism. We will carry out investigations to test and compare different materials in practical contexts.

Geography

In Geography, we will be learning about Rivers. We will explore how rivers are formed, learn about the stages of a river's journey, and study key processes such as the water cycle and erosion that shape the landscape over time.

Computing

In this half term, Year 5 will start to create vector drawings. They will learn how to use different drawing tools to help them create images. Children will recognise that images in vector drawings are created using shapes and lines.

PSHE

This half term, we will focus on *Valuing Differences*. We will learn about respecting and celebrating diversity, understanding different perspectives, and building positive relationships.

This term, Year 5 will be exploring cams and moving toys. Children will investigate how cam mechanisms create movement and will design and build their own moving toy, applying their understanding of motion, mechanisms, and creative design.

PE

In PE this half term, we will be focusing on netball and athletics. We will develop our teamwork, passing, movement, and understanding of the basic rules of netball, while also improving our speed, strength, and coordination through a range of athletic activities.