

Dear Parents and Carers,

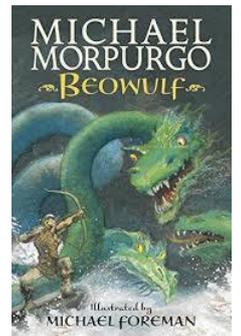
Welcome back! We hope you have enjoyed the half term break despite the current circumstances.

English

In English, the children will be writing letters using the story of Beowulf and they will be writing a letter to the Prime Minister. The children will then be learning about newspapers and how to write a newspaper report. They will write newspaper reports about the monster Grendel from our core textbook Beowulf.

Challenges

- Can you write an explanation text explaining how to tame the monster Grendel?
- Can you create an image of Grendel based on the description for the story?



Maths

We will have a focus on statistics, number and measurement this half term this term.

The children will work on building on their knowledge from year 3 looking at how data is collected and how it can be shown. We will also recap place value and have a large focus on fractions. We will then also be looking at area and perimeter.

The children will work on understanding the place value of digits in two-digit numbers. They will also learn how to add and subtract different numbers together including two, two two-digit numbers. Additionally. The children will learn about money.

Challenges:

- Can you collect your own data and create your own graph.
- Can you measure items in your house and work out the area and perimeter of these items. You may need a tape measure for larger items.

History

In History, the children will learn more about the Anglo Saxon period. We will discover the hierarchy system of the Anglo Saxons as well as who ruled England during this time. We will also be exploring the mystery of Sutton Hoo.

Challenges:

- Can you create a 3D Anglo Saxon village?

- Design your own castle for the King of England.

Geography

This term, the children will be learning lots about the world. The children will learn about different countries, why people settle there and the physical and manmade features of these places. Children will also look at the system of trading around the world and how this is important. The children will also be learning about the water cycle. They will learn the key words and their definitions.

Challenges:

- Can you create a continent jigsaw?
- Can you write a fact file about an animal from a country of your choice?
- Research what fair trade is and why this is important.
- Can you draw a diagram explaining the Water Cycle?
- Can you write an explanation text about how the water cycle works

Challenges:

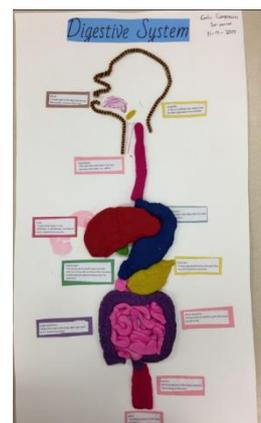
- Can you create a world map jigsaw?
- Can you write a fact file about an animal from a continent of your choice?
- Use an atlas to find out the names of some countries you are not familiar with and their capital cities.

Science

The children will be complete a unit on Animals Including Humans. We will be looking at, What the digestive system is and how it works. We will look at the functions of our teeth and how we should be caring for them to decrease the chances of tooth decay. We will also look at how tooth decay happens. We will then look at food chains.

Challenges:

- Can you create your own model of a mouth showing how we should look after our teeth?
- Can you write an explanation of how tooth decay happens
- Can you create a 3D version of the digestive system and explain how it works.



Computing

During the second half term, our unit is 'We are meteorologists'. The children will learn how to collect data, enter it into a spreadsheet and use PowerPoint to create a presentation based on the data they collect.

Challenges:

- Collect data over a period of time. Create a table to show this data.
- Create a weather report based on your prediction for the week.

P.E.

Spruce class P.E day is on a Wednesday and Fir classes is on a Friday.

A professional sports coach will continue to teach P.E. The children will be learning skills in games, gymnastics and dance. Please ensure your child has a suitable P.E. kit for all weathers, particularly when it gets a bit chilly! Earrings should be removed for P.E. so please remove them before your child comes to school. Please ensure your child has a refillable water bottle.

Challenges:

- Can you record your own fitness video?

Music

In Music, we will be looking at rhythmic and melodic accompaniments for a song and combine them in a performance this will be focused around West Africa

Challenges:

- Listen to a West African song and try and copy the beat and rhythm.

Art and DT

In Art, we will be looking at Art designed and produced by David Hockney. We will be using various paints to experiment making similar patterns and shapes in order to create a piece of art work inspired by the artist. We will also be designing, making and evaluating a product fit for purpose. This will be based around a purse in the Anglo Saxon times.

Challenges:

- Can you recreate a piece of artwork by David Hockney – focus on swimming pool art.

- Can you create practice your sewing and stitching skills at home? Maybe you can even design a product and have a go at making it.
- Research and create a fact file about David Hockney

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us on the class e-mail.

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Best Wishes,

Miss Cleave and Mrs Johnson

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