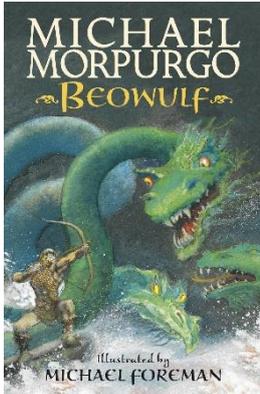




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Welcome back, to our second half term of year 5! Last half term, everyone worked incredibly hard and achieved great things. We are looking forward to this continuing and to all the exciting opportunities a new topic for learning brings.

Our learning this half term is based around the theme 'Peace and Conflict'. For this, we will be reading a children's retelling of the Anglo-Saxon tale; '**Beowulf**' by **Michael Morpurgo**. It is not required for children to have their own copy but I highly recommend picking up a copy for home.

This half-term, **English** will consist of writing a characterisation and writing a letter to persuade. In **Maths**, we will be continuing our work on multiplication and division and starting to explore fractions.

- In **History**, we will be focusing on the history of the Anglo-Saxon settlement of Britain and the impact this has had on Great Britain.
- In **Science**, we will be conducting experiments and exploring forces.
- In **Computing** we will be learning about video production.
- During **RE** we will be discussing what Christians believe about the creation of the Earth.
- In **Design and Technology**, we will be us using mechanical systems to make our very own automata.
- For **PSHE**, we will be looking at what it means to respect our self and build safe relationships with others.
- In **Music**, we will be continuing to learn our instrument – the Ukulele.
- Our sports in **Physical Education** this half term are basketball and gymnastics.

PE this half term will be on a Monday and Wednesday. We ask that in the interest of health and safety your children come to school wearing their PE uniform on Monday and Wednesday ONLY. As the weather is still unpredictable, please use long bottoms and jumpers/hoodies/fleeces as part of their kit. Earrings must be removed before PE, preferably at home, and hair should be tied back if long.

Homework will go out every Friday to be submitted by the following Thursday. It will consist of one piece of maths, one piece of English and one set of spellings each week. Reading is a key aspect in all parts of learning, we have reading sessions every day to help children continue their development in this area. Please help keep this up with their continued three reads or more at home each week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us through the school office email.

Kind regards

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Class 5 Teachers