



Livingstone Life Year 4 Summer 2 25/26

Welcome Back!



We can't believe we're entering the final half term of year 4! We'll be busy doing all sorts over the next few weeks but in particular we want to make sure that your children are ready for year 5!

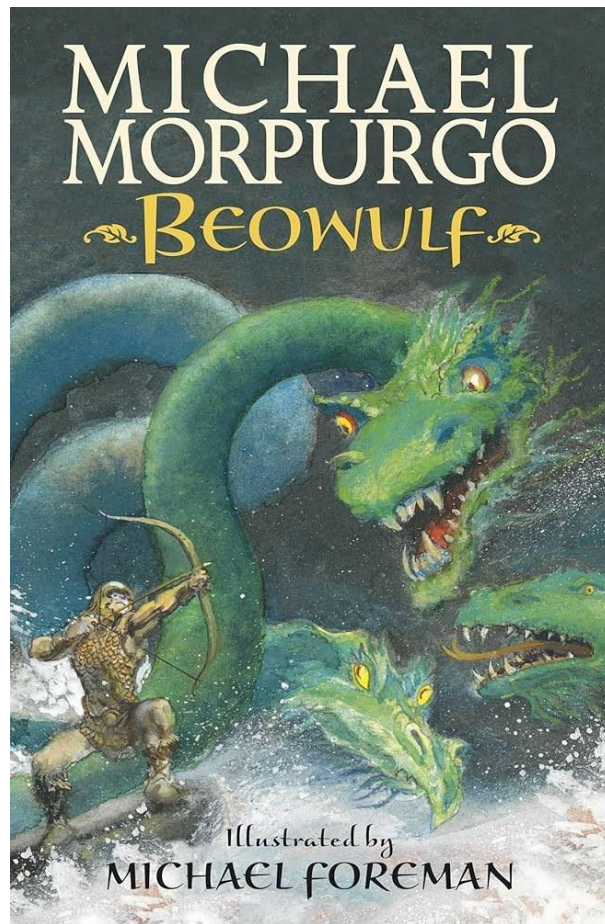
The children had a lovely time last term learning about Ancient Egypt, and in particular making canopic jars and gory mummified tomatoes!

Reading



“Hear and listen well, and we will tell you a tale that has been told for a thousand years and more. It may be an old story, yet it troubles and terrifies us now as much as it ever did, for we still fear the evil that stalks out there in the darkness and beyond.” So says the blurb on Michael Morpurgo's retelling of the epic Viking saga Beowulf. Exciting stuff!

In reading, we have a whole range of fantastic texts to help us retrieve, infer, predict and understand authorial intent. We can't wait!



English



In English this term, we will be reading *Beowulf* by Michael Morpurgo. The story tells the myth of the great Danish Viking warrior Beowulf as he defeats the gruesome monster Grendel. This story links with our history topic as it is a re-telling of a famous poem from Viking times. We will be using the rich descriptions of the characters and settings from *Beowulf* in our writing lessons where the focus will also be on using pronouns for clarity, expanded noun phrases and other figurative language such as similes and metaphors. We will be intertwining character and setting descriptions.



Maths



The government assessment of times tables (MTC) will take place during the second week back. It's nothing to worry about—please reassure your children. We have been practising at school and all children have made remarkable progress. Bring it on!

After this, we will be focussing on money, time and shape.



Our learning this half term



Science - Our children will continue their science unit on sound this half term which involves the opportunity to get hands on with lots of fun experiments (and making lots of noise)! We are also incredibly excited about our upcoming science week, during which, the children will be able to choose an area of science of their choice to explore at one of 6 different stations.



History - The Vikings are coming! Our history topic, Vicious Vikings, follows on from our previous history topic, Anglo-Saxons. Children will be able to experience how the Vikings lived as part of our Viking workshop and exciting residential trip!

D&T– In DT this half term we will be learning how to build wooden frames—we'll be thinking about joints, strength and choosing appropriate materials and tools. We'll end up with a Viking long boat which we will evaluate.

RHE - We will be learning all about the changes we might face as we prepare to move up to Year 5.



PE - We will be practising our athletics skills in preparation for sports day and learning how to play golf.

Reminders



Reading

Keep reading at least 3 times a week and encourage your child to record these in their reading journal. It is wonderful to see the children's confidence and fluency grow. Reading is incredibly important and it really does make a huge difference when a child reads daily!

PE

Tuesday and Wednesday

Google Classroom

A polite reminder to make sure you are signed up to Google Classroom. This is where we post reminders, make announcements and upload home learning. Your child's login should be in their reading journal.



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