



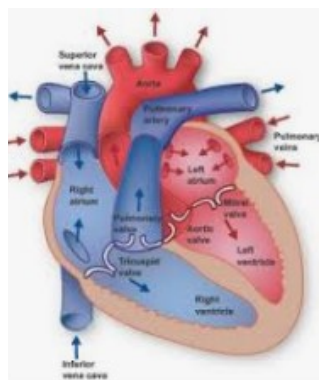
Year 6 Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2: Mon 3 Nov - Fri 19 Dec



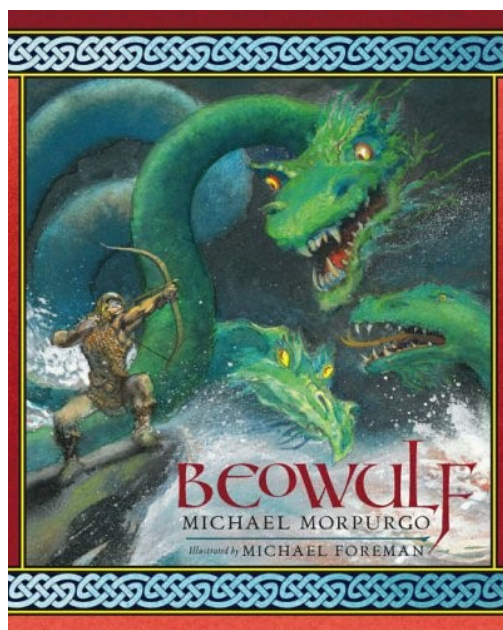
Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely half term break and spent some relaxing time with your families. I would also like to congratulate Year 6 on their achievements at Kingswood during our residential before the half term break. The children pushed themselves during the activities and should all be very proud of their successes.

Our **History** question, 'What effect has Salt's Mill had on our local area?', continues this half term. The children will deepen their understanding of the Industrial Revolution and how this radically changed life in the Bradford area. We will also look at the changing roles of the mill over the years and also find out about mills local to the East Morton area. In addition, we will investigate the impact of immigration on mills in the north, focussing on Salt's Mill.



Following on from our **Science** work on classification, we will be moving onto a Biology unit focussing on the question: 'What would a journey through the human body look like?' This unit builds on previous learning (skeletal, muscular, digestive systems) and now develops learning further by looking at the circulatory system and the heart. We will also cover the effects of exercise on the human body and the importance of a healthy life style. As ever, we will keep the content as accessible and practical as possible through investigations and discussions of scientific thinking.

The **RE** topic of understanding Christianity will focus on the class answering the question: 'What would Jesus do?' We'll do this through investigation, discussion and reflection activities which are designed to deepen our understanding of what Jesus was like as a person and a religious leader and will also encourage us to always be kind and to support those around us.

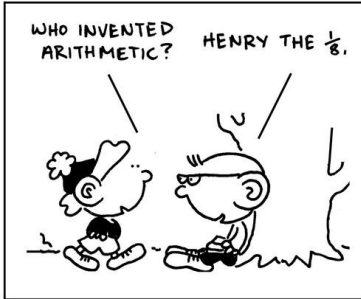


This half term our work in **English** our text is Beowulf, written and adapted by Micheal Morpurgo, from an Old English poem. The story of Beowulf was told by the first wave of Anglo Saxons who settled in England during the dark ages and was written down some time around the end of the first millennium AD. It tells the story of a Geatish hero, Beowulf, and his battles against terrible monsters including, the evil Grendel! Year 6 will write a range of narrative pieces linked to this exciting text, culminating in the creation and telling of their own mythical adventure. Grammar and spelling will continue be taught to ensure the children develop key skills needed to write fluently. In grammar, they will revise and develop their ability to accurately use a range of punctuation. Grammar starters and SATs questions will be used to ensure that all children are familiar with the types of question they will find in the Year 6 tests.

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In **maths** we are moving on to explore fractions. As always, the children will have plenty of opportunities to develop, apply and deepen their



knowledge and understanding through problem solving activities, particularly focussing on reasoning and explaining. Problem solving lessons will continue to develop strategies to use when faced with unfamiliar questions. We will regularly use SATs questions as starters in order to help familiarise the children with the format of questions and increase their confidence at solving them.



During this half term, we will be completing our first set of practice SATs. These are actual past papers and will help familiarise the children with the format of the tests as well as helping us to identify key areas for support.

As always, we have a challenging and fun packed half term ahead! If you have any queries or concerns, please get in touch.

Ms Daykin-Pont