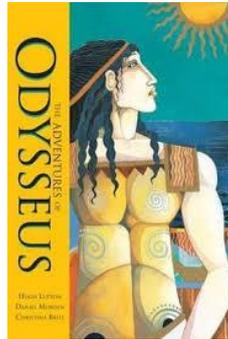


English Writing Update Y6 for Spring 2

This half-term, Year 6 are reading *The Adventures of Odysseus* by Hugh Lupton, Daniel Moden & Christina Balit



Our text is a re-telling of the epic story by the Greek poet Homer and is about the long journey home that Odysseus faced following the Trojan War. We hear the gory tale of one-eyed Cyclops, marvel at Circe's ability to change men into pigs, and are moved by Odysseus's reunion with his son. The artwork is stunning too. This book complements our recent learning in History: Ancient Greece.

The children will be writing a persuasive speech in the role of Odysseus.

Grammar and punctuation

The children will learn to use dashes (including for parenthesis); use dashes or colons to mark boundaries between clauses; use a colon to introduce a list; use bullet points consistently and revise use of previously learnt writing techniques, including different sentence starters for cohesion, such as ISPACE.

Handwriting

All children will focus on using a neat, legible joined-up style of handwriting as this is the requirement in Year 6 in preparation for Year 7.

Some useful links for these skills can be found on BBC Bitesize:

Subordinating conjunctions:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/zqk37p3>

Openers and fronted adverbials

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/zp937p3>

Bullet Points:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvwwxnb/articles/z2yydxs>

Parenthesis:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvwwxnb/articles/zhpt7yc#:~:text=Instead%20of%20a%20pair%20of,information%20added%20to%20the%20sentence.>

ISPACE Sentence Starters:

<https://www.benfieldside.durham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/242/2020/09/inspace-sentence-starters-Thur.pdf>

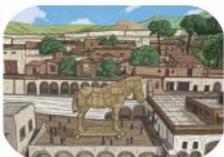
Some vocabulary we will be using this half term includes:

Descriptions of the Greek gods and the island settings: chaos, tangled, paradise, tusk-like, Ithica, oozed, glimpse, prow, deserted, whirlpool, fiery, ferocity, rumble, restless

Mythical language: foe, betrayal, intrigue, feasting, symbol, labyrinth, trial, reunion

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Odysseus

 Odysseus	 cyclops	 island	 trapped	 escape
 Sicily	 tied	 Trojan War	 giant	 shepherd
 Polyphemus	 flint	 sharpened	 barrel	 blinded
 boulder	 entrance	 revenge	 Zeus	 Poseidon



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