



Spring 2 English Letter

This term Year 3 are reading Beowulf, a legend with mythical features retold by Rob Lloyd Jones.

Year 3 will be learning what a myth is and how to create their own. We will be using the story of Beowulf to develop our writing skills as well as learn about a new genre of stories. Please help your child by allowing them to read mythical stories over the half-term. These can be found online or in most libraries.

We will be using a variety of **descriptive language features** such as **expanded noun phrases** and **figurative language**, to create our own mythical creatures and heroes. We will also be using prepositions of time, subordinating conjunctions and a range of vocabulary to make our writing more lively and interesting.

It will be helpful for your child to have access to this book during the half term and they can start reading the story.

Please find attached at the back of this letter a word mat with key vocabulary we will be using this term.

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

Subordinating conjunctions:

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

What is a myth?

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

Grammar:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn>

Beowulf Vocabulary Mat

epic

poem

Anglo-Saxons



dragon

Geats

Danes

tumulus

legend

Heorot

Wiglaf



Grendel

Hrothgar

barrow



Beowulf