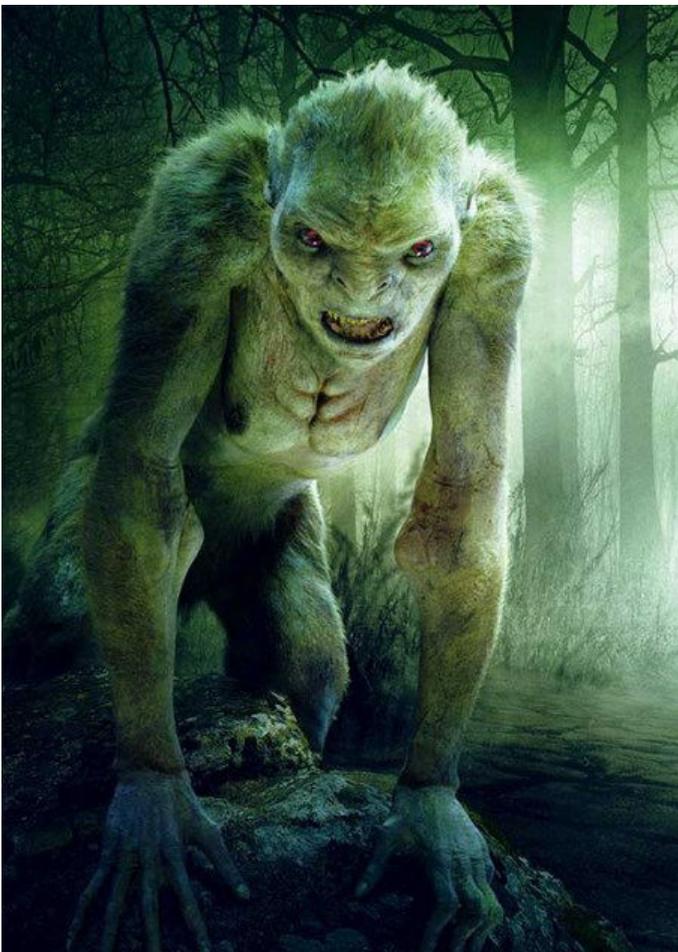
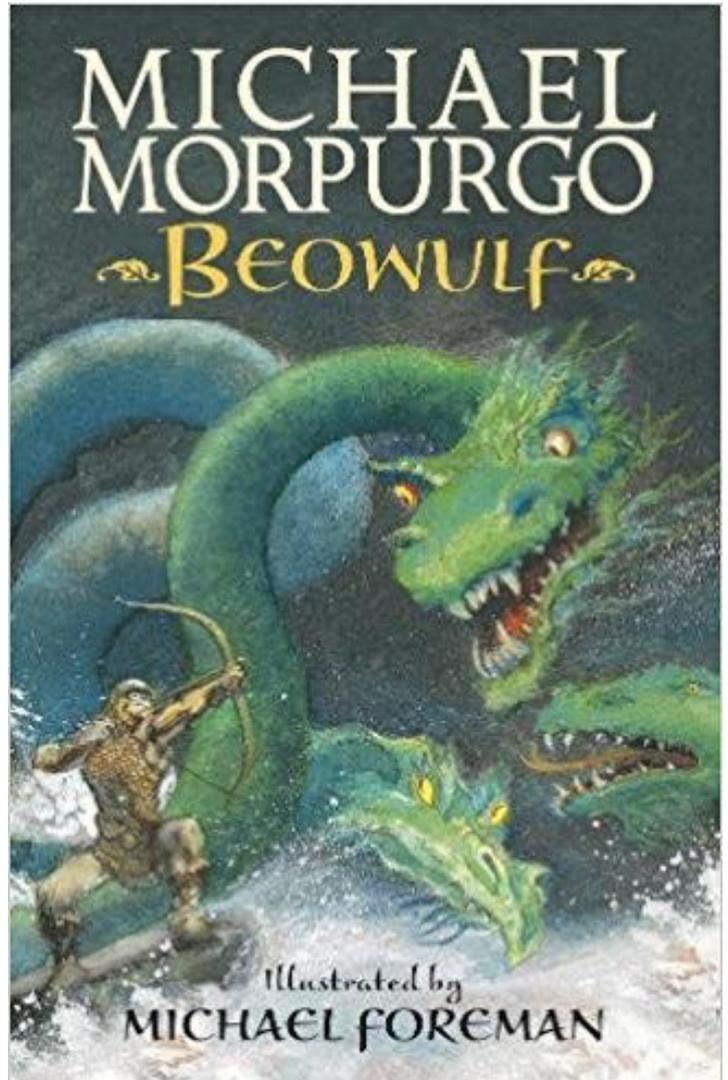


Year Five

Our English work this half term has been focussed on the novel *Beowulf* by Michael Morpurgo.

Gracie Watson (5C) has written a fantastic blurb to hook the reader into wanting to read the story:

“I’ll tell you a story - a legend, I guarantee - about a courageous, heroic warrior, who bravely fought five giants. He is the brave-hearted Beowulf, a hero, who is prepared for any fight. Travel back with me to the Kingdom of the Danes; a murderous, blood-bath battle and a war between a vicious, fearful monster and an amazing hero. Heorot, once a joyful, happy place; a land once filled with laughter is now just empty and silent. He has a promise, a promise so true, the only thing that makes one little thread of hope. Beowulf’s promise. Will goodness come back? Or will the merciless monster destroy the only hope?”



The children were also presented with this image of Grendel, the monster from the book. They were then tasked with writing a character description about him. Arthur Wright (5W) has done a particularly splendid job with his:

“Grendel, the great and gruesome human-hunter, plundered through the marshlands, flattening ferns and trampling tree trunks. Prowling as he was howling, he came to Heorot, demolishing dirt mounds. The green, foul fiends, tearing-talons whacked away branches, knocked down by his howling voice, no wolf was ever louder.”

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Science - In science this half term we have been learning about insulators. We have conducted multiple experiments to try and deduce what makes the best insulator. In the experiment above, we put hot water into various different containers and measured the temperature after one minute intervals. We recorded our results and are pleased to announce that the best conductor is... Sorry you'll have to watch us on Dragons Den as we present our new multi-million pound flask venture!

History - In history we have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons. We were particularly interested in where they settled and why they chose to live there. We then tried to plan our own Anglo-Saxon settlement and then offer justification for our decisions. Below is Harmony Turner's settlement and the reasoning behind her choices:

"I chose to put the land-owners house near the lake so that when he needs to get clay or reeds to make things, he can go on a boat across the lake to get them. I put the living house near the oven and the hen/chicken house so they have a food source. I put the boat on the lake for transport. I chose a path near the lake so they can transport things from the lake easily."

