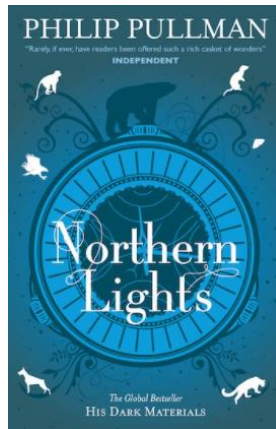


English Week 1

Northern Lights

This term we are going to be reading the story of Northern Lights by Philip Pullman. It is part of 'His Dark Materials' series and you may have seen it dramatized on the BBC last year. The first series is based on the first book.

Our focus through the term will be character and setting descriptions while seeing how the story develops.



To start our work this term, I would like you to look at the front cover and mind-map what you think this book is about and what you think may happen. How do you think this is linked to our Star Gazer topic?

Next there is a clip from the BBC series you need to watch. It introduces Lyra and Roger to us. Where are they? What makes it different to our school? What do you think the characters are like?

[BBC iPlayer - His Dark Materials - Series 1: 1. Lyra's Jordan](#) Watch from 0:02:50 to 0:05:45

Once you have a mind map of ideas, read the extract from chapter one (pg.8) and see if you can extend on your ideas and thoughts. Do you know what a daemon is?

Your writing task is to write a character description of Lyra and Roger. How are they different? How are they the same? Include evidence from the text to support your ideas. The vocabulary you use is important and a range of sentence starters will also help to keep the reader interested in your thoughts too.

You need to tell the reader:

- Who Lyra is
- Who Roger is
- What they look like
- How they act
- What kind of personality they show
- What you think of them as a character from what you have read and seen

Remember to use a range of description to engage the reader and help them build a picture of who you are describing. Imagine your reader has never seen either character or read anything about them so it is up to you to tell them as much as you can.

As with all your writing tasks, handwriting should be neat and clearly formed with capital letters at the start of each sentence and for names too.

As well as your written task, there is also a reading comprehension for you to do this week which is all about planets.

I look forward to reading your fantastic character descriptions. You can email pictures in to homelearning@ifield.kent.sch.uk or share them in our class catch up on Friday.

Have fun,

Mrs Hargood 😊