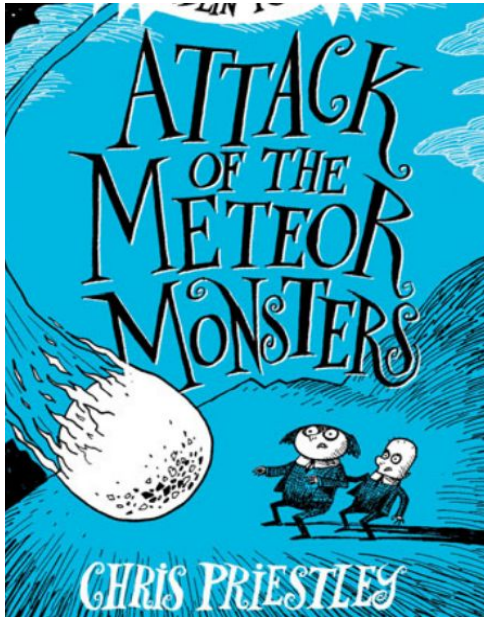


Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

Guided reading – WALT - retrieve and infer to answer comprehension questions

WALT use a dictionary to write the definition of unknown words



Look at the front cover of the book.  
What do you think the story will be about?

Mildew and Sponge were still gasping for breath at the top of Pig's Pike as the rest of the boys jogged their way back down. The sun was just beginning to rise and drizzle dribbled from the dark sky above them, polishing the blackened pinnacles of the grim and grimy Maudlin Towers. 'I had hoped our new sports master – gasp – might drop this twice-weekly torture, Mildew,' said Sponge with a sigh. 'I'm afraid all sports masters are evil, Sponge,' said Mildew. 'But why?' cried Sponge. 'Why?' 'No one knows why,' said Mildew with a sigh. 'They just are. It's one of those things that will never be fully explained. Like opera. Or chemistry.'



Sponge sighed again. Their new sports master, Mr Gruntforth, had proven to be every bit as horribly energetic and enthusiastic as Mr Stupendo and Mr Lithely before him. He was threatening to make the annual Fell-Running

Tournament compulsory. They had thought all danger of having to compete in it had gone with the departure of Mr Stupendo. 'Do you ever wonder how Mr Stupendo got on when the time machine took him back to the age of the dinosaurs?' said Sponge. 'No,' said Mildew. 'Not really.' 'No,' said Sponge. 'Me

neither.’ ‘We’ve had a lot of adventures lately,’ said Mildew. ‘What with the time machine, Vikings, werewolves, pirates and so forth. I’m hoping things might quieten down a bit. I’m growing rather nostalgic for the days when we were occasionally bored.’ ‘I know what you mean,’ said Sponge. ‘One can have too much excitement.’ Mildew nodded and then gazed off to the east, at the faint rays of the rising sun leaking out from under the blanket of cloud. He let out a groan. ‘Look! It’s barely light,’ he said, wiping a coating of drizzle from his muzzle. ‘I need my sleep, Sponge. I have a note from my mother to that effect.’ ‘So do I,’ said Sponge with a frown. ‘What?’ said Mildew, seeing his friend’s expression. ‘What?’ said Sponge, frown still very much in place. ‘Is this about me supposedly snoring again?’ ‘Supposedly?’ said Sponge. ‘Ha!’ ‘How dare you “ha”!’ said Mildew. ‘I have never snored in my life. The very idea! The Mildews are known throughout Berkshire for their almost complete lack of snoring. It is another of your delusions, Sponge. I worry about you, I really –’ Suddenly there was a blinding flash of light and a terrifying roar as something large and fiery hurtled out of the clouds over their heads and slammed into the summit of Pug’s Peak.

1. Find the definition of these words? – pinnacle, compulsory, delusion, nostalgic, summit.
2. What were the boys doing at the start of the story and how do they feel about it? Use evidence from the text to support your answers.
3. How many Sport’s teacher’s have the boys had so far?
4. How do the boys feel about the Fell-Running tournament?

**Challenge question:**

5. Do you believe Mildew when he talks about the adventures he has had? Give a detailed explanation using the text to support your answer.