



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our first unit of study in English at Nobel is Greek Mythology. Not only did the Greeks create their own Myths to explain natural phenomena, they also loved to share stories about brave heroes and their great adventures. Heroes such as: Heracles (Hercules to the Romans), Perseus, Odysseus and Achilles, but to name a few.

With the theme of heroism in mind, we would like you to prepare for your time at Nobel by reading (and listening) to our Year 6 transition text: 'How to Train Your Dragon,' by Cressida Cowell. The novel is about an unlikely Viking hero, tossed into dragon-fighting school and tasked with the burden of proving himself as a mighty warrior. In addition to the novel, we will also set extracts from non-fiction sources and more classical texts to compliment your reading. You can access the resources from the 'Transition' area of our school website, or by using the following link: <https://thenobelschool.org/>

Each week, we will ask you to complete a chapter from your set text and then to answer comprehension activities on what you have read. We will also set additional activities that will introduce you to some of the key aspects central to studying English at Secondary level. For example:

- Social and historical context
- Characterisation
- Setting
- Themes and Motifs
- Structure
- Language
- Genre
- Critical Readings
- Narrative

We look forward to welcoming you to our school and to hearing about all of the other stories and texts you have read over the summer. We recognise that children who develop good reading habits: improve their literacy skills, find it easier to access all subjects and generally have better life outcomes. Moreover, as well as the numerous academic benefits gained from regular reading, enjoying a book can also prove to be a great form of escapism and stress-relief. You can find more information about reading for pleasure on our school website <http://thenobelschool.org/reading/>.

Yours faithfully

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