

Hello Speedboats!

Can you believe we have made it to the end of this incredibly strange year? We hope you have all enjoyed completing the home learning and this will be the last week of it. We are hoping this is for good and we will be seeing all your faces around school in September when you are in year 6! You have all done so well being at home for this long and we are so impressed with your resilience. After speaking to some of you in school, it seems that people have been hard at work in all areas, including lots of new skills being learnt. Again, well done to you all and you should ALL be very proud of yourselves- as we are.

Now on a less exciting note, some of you may want to continue working on your spellings or Maths over the summer. We have attached another document which is the Year 5 and 6 spelling list for you to work on over summer, if you want to. Likewise, Becky will be updating Mathletics as much as possible so you can keep working on that. Sophie has also provided a reading list for those who want to try out some recommended books. We both would love you to continue reading lots and lots over the summer! Remember reading is where you learn lots of new vocabulary so you could even write new words into a little notebook.

Make sure to give yourselves a break as well though. We hope you have a lovely summer and that we all get some sunshine soon!

From Becky and Sophie 😊

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MONDAY

This week we are going to look at the creature on this strange planet in our story. We have lots of information given to us by Hellyann in the chapters attached on the website. Make sure you read these first.

Below is an example of a description of a fantasy/ mythical creatures (sort of similar to aliens)

Cave Elves

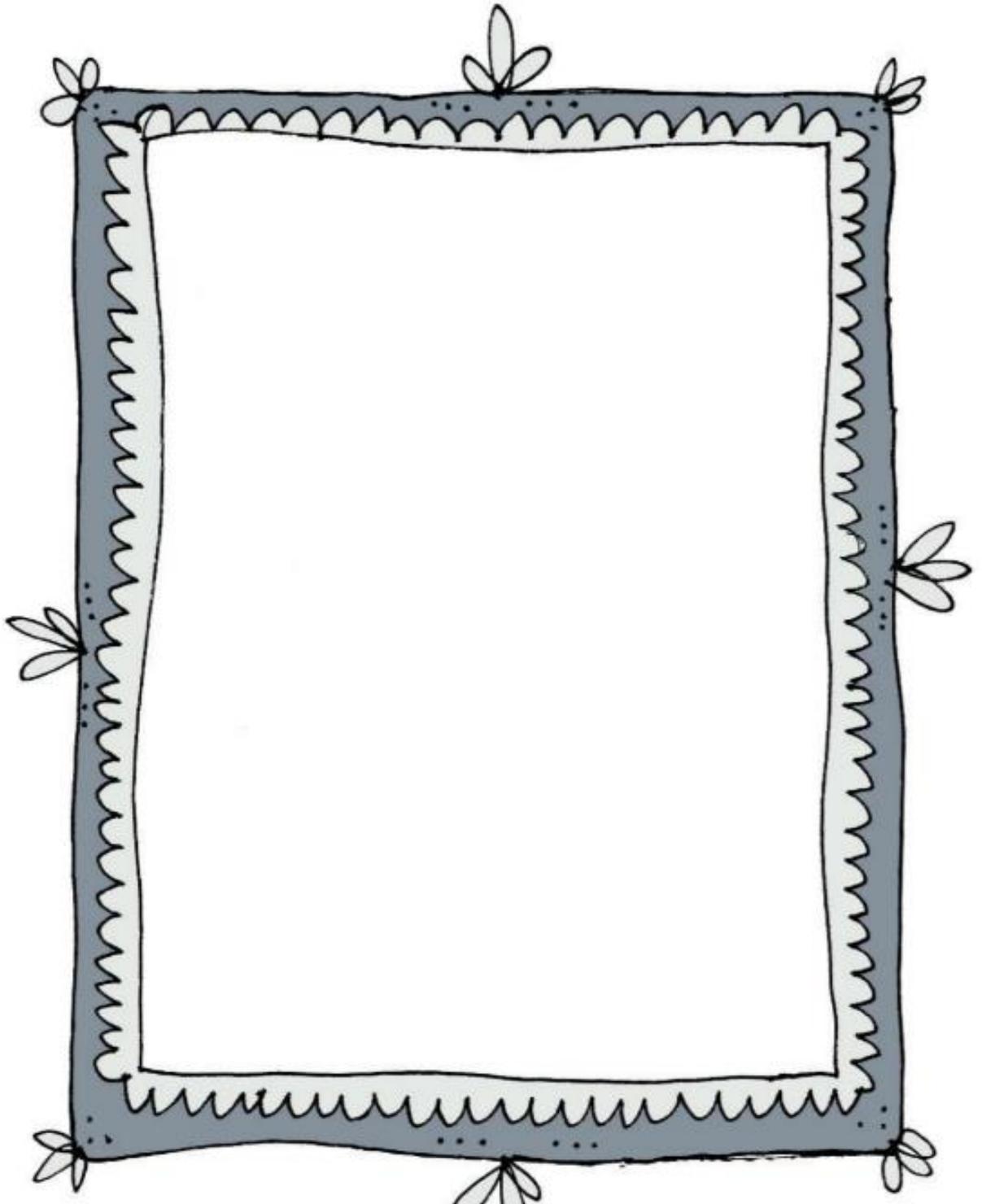
Why it that cave elves is have interested elf whisperers over the years? Perhaps it is because the cave elf is such a rare form of elf and little is known about it. Generally, cave elves are only out and about at night. This is because they have grown so used to living in deep, dark caves that they find the sunlight so bright and hot that they can hardly see. A word of warning – do not handle cave elves as they may lash out in defense if they cannot see! Surprisingly, cave elves are easy to identify as they are the smallest elf in the world being about the size of small cats. Unfortunately, their children are often mistaken for rats. They wear broad-brimmed hats to keep the sun from their faces and leather clothes. The adult cave elf is a dark green colour which enables it to hide in shadows as well as trees, hedgerows and tall grass. They often wear cloaks, sturdy boots and have long beards and pointed ears. However, juveniles are born with a yellowish tinge and red hair which they lose after their 100th birthday.

Cave elves are found in most mountain ranges and hills where there are plenty of hiding holes. Almost all cave elves live in large groups in underground caverns where they feel safest. However, a minority live as hermits. When out and about foraging for food, they will keep to the shadows and this makes them very difficult to identify. They live in harmony and train mice as their pets. The mice are treated in the same way that humans fuss over dogs or cats.

Whilst most elves are renowned for their magical abilities and precious stones, the cave elf shows no interest in gold, silver or any other valuable stones. They are only interested in playing chess and wiling away their time holding quiz shows and tending to their indoor pot plants. These shy and gentle creatures are vegetarians and grow their own fruit and vegetables on mountainsides close to the entrance to their dens. Cave elves present no danger to humans and several have made friends with shepherds who are often out at night tending to their flocks.

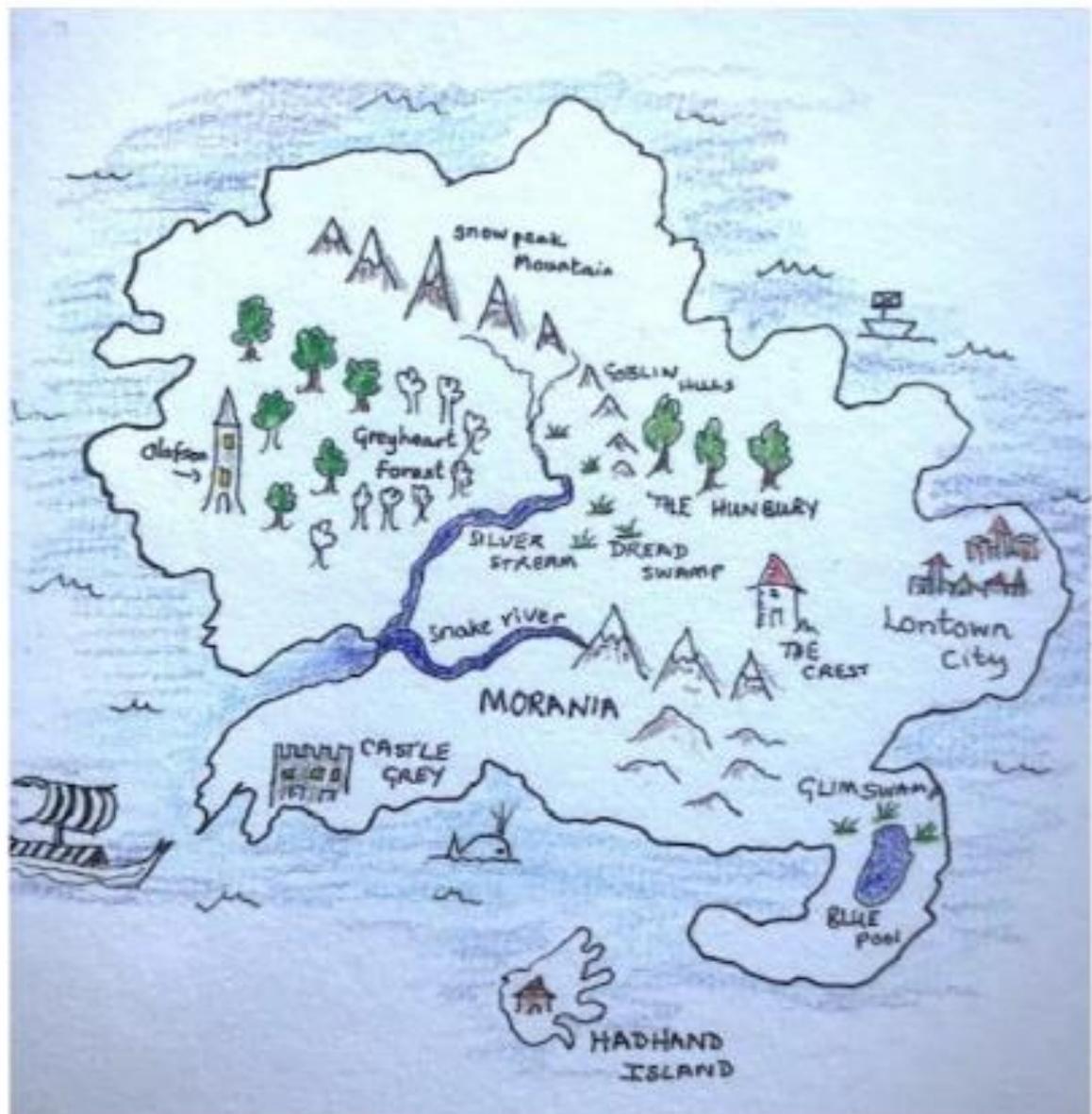
Activity 2: draw a cave elf

In the box below, draw an adult cave elf with a toddler and label them with information taken from the writing.



Activity 3: where do cave elves live?

Look carefully at this map. Mark the spot where you think cave elves might live. Give three reasons for your answer.



Reason 1 -

Reason 2 -

Reason 3 -

TUESDAY

Today you are going to think about your own description of the creatures on Hellyann’s planet. You can choose either to describe Hellyann or another creature on his planet e.g. Mr Park.

Remember that Hellyann is unique on his planet because he does not think the same way as the other aliens so it may be easier to just focus on the more ‘common’ aliens from the planet.

Are there any words in the cave elf text you read yesterday that you would like to add to the word bank below and use in your report?

<i>unfortunately</i>	<i>surprisingly</i>	<i>amazingly</i>	<i>interestingly</i>	<i>weirdly</i>
<i>additionally</i>	<i>moreover</i>	<i>furthermore</i>	<i>also</i>	<i>similarly</i>
<i>generally</i>	<i>almost all</i>	<i>most</i>	<i>many</i>	<i>the majority</i>
<i>however</i>	<i>several</i>	<i>some</i>	<i>a few</i>	<i>the minority</i>
<i>often</i>	<i>perhaps</i>	<i>on the other hand</i>	<i>contrary to popular belief</i>	

I have picked out the underlying pattern for you by boxing up the structure. This is just a guide and you could add in extra paragraphs, different sections, diagrams etc.

Type of creature	Cave Elves
<p>Opening hook – <i>introduction to what is being written about, to make the reader interested in finding out more. Fascinating fact for interest</i></p>	<p>Why is it that cave elves have interested elf whisperers over the years? Perhaps it is because the cave elf is such a rare form of elf and little is known about it. Generally, cave elves are only out and about at night. This is because they have grown so used to living in deep, dark caves that they find the sunlight so bright and hot that they can hardly see. A word of warning – do not handle cave elves as they may lash out in defense if they cannot see!</p>
<p>Appearance <i>Information about what the creature looks like</i></p>	<p>Surprisingly, cave elves are easy to identify as they are the smallest elf in the world being about the size of small cats. Unfortunately, their children are often mistaken for rats. They wear broad-brimmed hats to keep the sun from their faces and leather clothes. The adult cave elf is a dark green colour which enables it to hide in shadows as well as trees, hedgerows and tall grass. They often wear cloaks, sturdy boots and have long beards and pointed ears. However, juveniles are born with a yellowish tinge and red hair which they lose after their 100th birthday.</p>
<p>Habitat <i>Information about the area the creature lives in</i></p>	<p>Cave elves are found in most mountain ranges and hills where there are plenty of hiding holes. Almost all cave elves live in large groups in underground caverns where they feel safest. However, a minority live as hermits. When out and about foraging for food, they will keep to the shadows and this makes them very difficult to identify. They live in harmony and train mice as their pets. The mice are treated in the same way that humans look fuss over dogs or cats.</p>
<p>Behaviour <i>Information about what the creature does</i></p>	<p>Whilst most elves are renowned for their magical abilities and precious stones, the cave elf shows no interest in gold, silver or any other valuable stones. They are only interested in playing chess and wiling away their time holding quiz shows and tending to their indoor pot plants. These shy and gentle creatures are vegetarians and grow their own fruit and vegetables on mountain sides close to the entrance to their dens. Cave elves present no danger to humans and several have made friends with shepherds who are often out at night tending to their flocks.</p>

Type or creature	Alien
Opening Hook	<p>EXAMPLE: <i>Have you ever wondered what types of creatures live in outer space? Well they are more like us than you might think. People often believe that aliens are the opposite of a human but this is actually not the case.</i></p>
Appearance	<p>For this paragraph- think back to the description about seeing Hellyann for the first time.</p>
Habitat	<p>You can use clues from the text and you can make up your own facts! This can include talking about the Earth Zone exhibition and their fascination with Earth.</p>
Behaviour	<p>This is your chance to be creative and make up the behaviour characteristics of your creature. Look back at the text to see if there are any ideas there.</p>

THURSDAY

Spelling LO: To spell words ending with the suffix –ation

Today we are going to recap a spelling rule we have already covered just so you don't forget it over summer!

TASK 1:

Root word	With suffix -ation	Definition
admire		
create		
donate		
dictate		
animate		
adore		

TASK 2:

Infor, inform, informa, info –

which one is the part before we add the suffix? What have we done to the original word (inform) ?

limit	limitt	limi
decl	declar	declare
prepare	prepar	prepara
admir	admire	admi
converse	convers	conver

Use three of these words in a sentence:

1.

2.

3.
