

Wednesday 20th January

Skills burst



4A

Speech

## Challenge

Match the parts of the sentence halves:

The maths test was easy;  
Joshua was the best player;  
Andy was very cross;  
George liked meat;  
Azim enjoyed reading;

Carol was the worst.  
Nye liked vegetables.  
the reading test was hard.  
Mr Lomas wasn't bothered.  
Lekh enjoyed making models.

## Skills Burst - Dashes

Spot the mistake in these sentences and copy them down correctly.

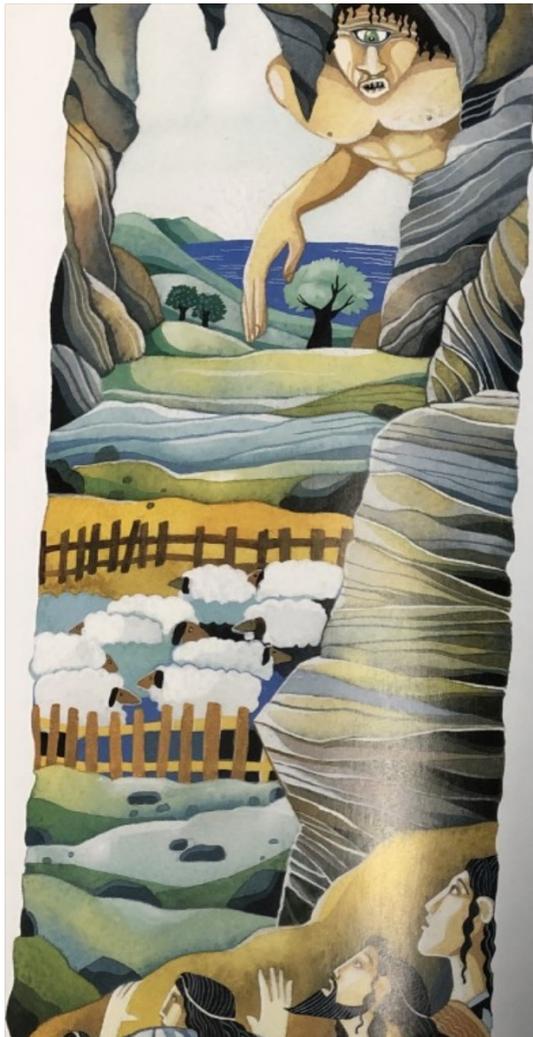
Mr Wood is always right he never gets anything wrong.

Both year 6 classes who are the best always beat the year 5's.

At Yarm Primary school we wear blue it's my favourite colour.

Do you remember the cyclops from yesterday?

We're going to be doing some work about him, so re-read the page if you can't remember



## 2 • THE • CYCLOPS •

For many days we sailed until we reached an island that seemed to us a paradise. We saw land, level for the plough, fat sheep and goats grazing.

We decided to stop and take on fresh meat and water. We beached the ship. I told twelve of my men to take from the treasures of Troy some precious thing, some bracelet or brooch, in the hope that we would find people with whom we could barter. I took a goatskin of a strong wine. One cupful poured into a barrel of water would still make a potent potion.

We followed a path from the beach to a hill. In the hill there was a cave. Beside the cave there was a boulder that looked as though it had been placed there for some purpose. Perhaps this cave was a home. Sure enough, when we went inside we found enclosures with fences which held lambs and kids. We found buckets of cheese and milk. Whose home was this? We squatted by a fire, munched some cheese, drank some milk, sat back and waited.



Eventually we heard bleating. A great flock of animals was approaching. Something — perhaps a premonition — made me instruct my men to hide in the darkest part of the cave. A huge herd of sheep and goats entered and gathered near their young.

Then, behind them, we saw a silhouette in the cave mouth. It was the shape of a man, but this was bigger than any man we had ever seen. It was the size of a tall tree. It lumbered in, grabbed the boulder and rolled it into the entrance. Now the only light came from the fire. By the light of the flames we watched the giant milk the female sheep and goats with surprising tenderness and obvious affection. We studied its tusk-like teeth and its snout of a nose. In the middle of its forehead there was one enormous eye.

By the light of the fire he must have seen our shadows on the wall behind us. He said, 'What's this? I have guests! Little two-eyed things!'

We stepped forward. 'We are men. We have here precious treasures. We want to swap them with you for meat

and fresh water. Father God Zeus rewards those who are kind to travellers.'

'Zeus? Don't you know what I am? I am a Cyclops. We Cyclopes are the sons of the Sea God Poseidon. We have no fear of your blustering Zeus!'



This week your task is to write a 3 paragraph setting description of the cyclop's cave...

Think about what makes a good setting description

Use your 5 senses to help you

If I were in the cyclop's cave.....

Complete the table

Taste	Smell	Hear	See	Feel