Learning Objective

To understand the key features of a newspaper report.

To be successful...

- I can recognise key features in a newspaper report.
- I can analyse key features and understand why they are included and important.
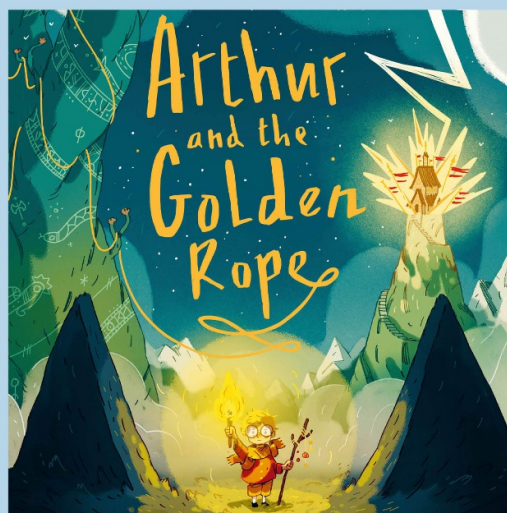- I can differentiate between good and poor newspaper reports.

Arthur and the Golden Rope

We are continuing with our Anglo-Saxon topic this half-term. Over the next two weeks, we will be exploring Arthur and the Golden Rope.

What do you think this book will be about?

Who do you anticipate to be main characters?

What might the front cover be telling you about the story?

How could you describe Arthur just by looking at the front cover?

What significance will the Golden Rope have in the story?

Arthur and the Golden Rope

This is the tale of Arthur, the unlikeliest of heroes.

Born long ago in a small Icelandic town, it was clear from an early age that Arthur was always going to be a bit different.

Arthur and the Golden Rope

As soon as he was old enough to explore the forest, he showed a great interest in the strange creatures that lived there.
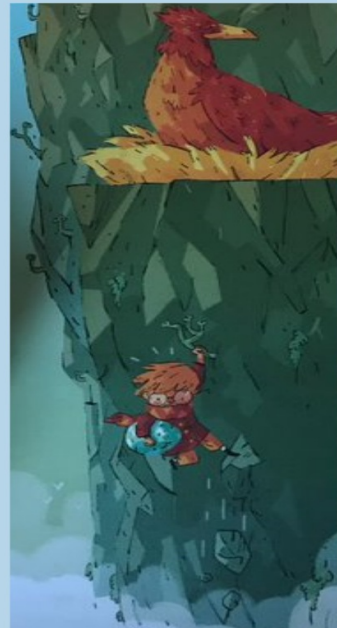

At night, while the townsfolk would gather around the safety of the great fire, Arthur would sit and listen to Atrix, the town's wise woman. She would tell him wondrous and frightening tales about distant lands and ancient magic.

Arthur and the Golden Rope

Arthur soon began to journey into the forest in search of adventures. He even started to carry some of the unusual items that he found with him.

For returning her egg, the mighty bird Wind Weaver gave him a special feather that would grant him help in a time of need.

Arthur and the Golden Rope

By putting an end to the great (or rather tiny) war between goblins and fairies, he was given an enchanted staff.

Atrix gave him the very journal that I am reading from after the most dangerous challenge of all... rescuing her cat from a tree.

High in an ancient tower, he discovered the Hand of Time, which held the power to freeze anyone who touched it.

Newspaper Report

Later this week, you will be asked to write a newspaper report on an event from Arthur and the Golden Rope. Before you do this, we need to look at some examples of newspaper reports and assess what makes them good or bad.

Which of these features do you think will be important for newspaper reports?

Introduction	Facts	Quotes
Future tense	Photo or diagram	Jokes
No capital letters	Past tense	Catchy title

Good or Bad?

Read the newspaper report below. Do you think that it is good or bad? Why do you think so?

I will try not to drag-on and keep this short and sweet. Louisville might be under attack from dragon. The dragon will burn buildings and kill people. They were taken to the hospital. Chris Smith said it was scary. The police have shut the city down so that people do not get hurt. THE END.

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No title

Jokes

No paragraphs

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Lack of facts

Incorrect use of speech

THE END is not a suitable conclusion.

Good or Bad?

Read the newspaper report below. Do you think that it is good or bad? Why do you think so?

Deadly dragon on the loose

Yesterday, Louisville, USA, was under attack from a ferocious dragon.

The vicious dragon left a trail of destruction after it scorched the streets with its powerful flames and left claw marks up the sides of many high-rise buildings. Not only that, many people were taken to the nearest hospital after being left with third-degree burns.

Chris Smith told 'The US Today' that he felt very afraid and scared for his life when he was faced with the beast. He said he was feeling petrified about the near death experience. "I couldn't believe what I was seeing infront of me, I thought that it was going to gobble me up! I haven't had an ounce of sleep since this sighting as I fear it may return," stated Chris.

The city remains under lock-down procedures until the monster has been captured and repairs have been carried out, making the city safe again.

Good or Bad?

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Introduction that tells us what the report is going to be about

Third person

Past tense

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Facts - 5 Ws

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Quotes

Paragraphs

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Photo

Main Task - Text Interrogation

Using the checklist provided, **can you find each of these features in the example text?**

When you find the features in the text, **underline the example in a colour** of your choice **using a ruler.**

Features of a Newspaper Report	
Feature	**Colour**
A short, snappy headline/title	
An introduction that sums up what the report is going to be about	
Written in the third person, i.e. he, she, they	
Written in the past tense	
Appropriate use of paragraphs for a change of focus or setting	
Quotes – what did different people have to say about it?	
Facts about what has happened using the '5 Ws': who, what, where, when and why?	
A photo or diagram that helps to show what the text (or part of the text is about).	

Neat Work!

BOY OVERBOARD!

July 29th

By Sharon Hart

In a dramatic series of events last night, a young boy fell overboard from his family's boat into the stormy water of the Coral Sea (off the east coast of Australia).

Michael Finnegan (12 years old today) was enjoying a round-the-world trip with his family when it is believed he lost his footing and fell into the sea.

The Finnegan family set sail from Southampton on September 10th 1887 in their small boat, the Peggy Sue. Travelling with Michael were his

Spain, Cape Verde, Brazil, Cape Town, Perth and Sydney. John, whose idea it was to set off on the trip, said that the journey was the trip of a lifetime and that so far it had been an amazing adventure.

According to the Finnegans, the evening of the incident had been largely uneventful, although Mrs Finnegan had been

the night of the incident, leaving Michael steering the boat on deck (the self-steering had broken). It is thought that Stella the dog had been wandering around and possibly playing with Michael's football, because when John awoke in the middle of the night, all three had disappeared.

Speaking to BBC news this morning, Sue said tearfully, "We are so worried about our boy. He's all alone and could be anywhere by now. We need to find him!"

The search

Summary

Newspaper reports have clear features, including:

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