

Hello and welcome from the English Department😊

We can't wait to meet you!

Here are a few pointers to help you get ready for English at Bexley Grammar:

- Get a small **dictionary** to have with you in classes and at home: spelling and WORD POWER matter!
- Keep a **nice pen** for neat, formal writing.
- Over the summer, whenever you hear your parents say a word you do not know the meaning of – ask them! Come equipped with as **many words** as possible.
- Keep a note of the **books you read** and **any writing you do** over the summer. Your teacher will be keen to hear what you have read and written during the holiday.



In September you will ...

- Be studying a novel with your class teacher.
- Looking at ideas about important characters and themes...

In keeping with your summer challenge, today we will start with a different novel...

There are a few activities for you to complete below...

Activity 1: Respond to the question below, listing as many reasons as possible in the grid.

What if you could live for a thousand years?	
Positives	Negatives



Mrs Carey,
the school Librarian
has set you a...

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

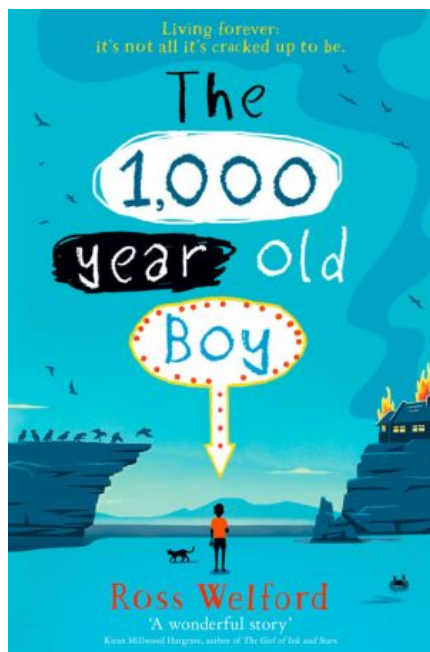
DESIGN A BEAUTIFUL COVER FOR A BOOK
YOU READ THIS SUMMER!

UNDERNEATH, WRITE A 50-WORD 'BLURB': WHAT'S IT ABOUT? WHY IS SUCH A GREAT READ?

Put your name on
these and bring them
to the first Library
Lesson in September

YOUR PARENTS WILL ALSO BE SENT A
PARENTMAIL LETTER ABOUT THIS

Activity 2: Look at the front cover, and answer the questions below.



What might Alfie's emotions be about living forever as a 10 year old?

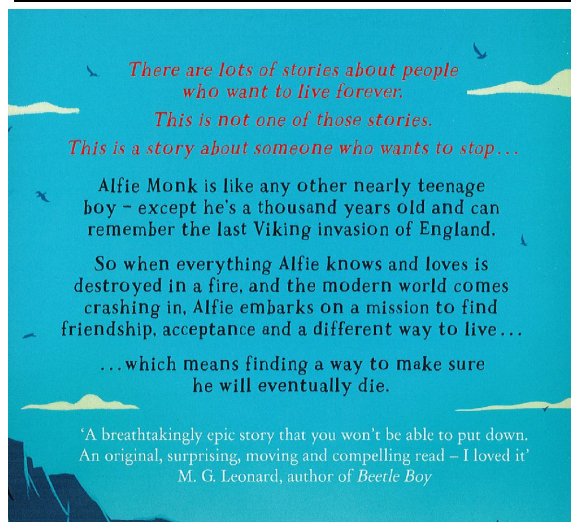
What does this word suggest about why Alfie might feel left behind by the people he meets?

What do the pictures suggest might happen in the story?

Alfie is standing alone on the cover.

Why might this be? What might have happened to his family and friends?

Activity 3: Now look at the back cover, and answer the questions below.



What can we learn from Alfie's determination to find friendship?

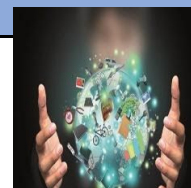
What memorable events might Alfie have experienced?

Activity 4: can you make 3 predictions? What do you think happens next?

Alfie lives as a 10 year old boy for 1000 years. But this means he has struggled to make lasting friendships. And now he wants to change all that – by finding the magic pearl and reversing the spell...

You could think about:

- How he can get to the island to find the pearl.
- Who / what might try to stop him?
- How his new friends (Aidan and Roxy) are going to help him.
- Will he succeed? And if he does, what will happen then?



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3.