Wednesday 10th February

LO: Kennings

1) Have a look at the website below and try the Norse Kennings Quiz.

https://thebeacon-whitehaven.co.uk/norse-kennings/

Can you work out what each kenning means ?

2) Find the kennings in the following extracts from the Anglo-Saxon poem, 'Beowulf'?

What does each one mean ?

1. He prospered in glory until those who lived in the neighbouring lands over the whale's road had to obey him.

2. He soon found his battle-torch extinguished; the blade refused to bite.

3. The light came forth radiant and warm as God's bright candle glows in the heavens above.

4. It soon diminished entirely, like winter's ice when the Father loosens the bonds of frost, unwinding the water ropes.

5. Then the stockpile was discovered, by that night flyer, he who swims through the dark breathing flames.

6. I took him in my arms, gripped his bone frame, and stilled his heart.

7. A terrible wound appeared on his shoulder. Sinews split and the bone-lappings burst.

8. Our dear lord stood firm against the war-hail iron-showers.

3) Now begin to write some of your own kennings to describe the Vikings. Use your noun and verb ideas from Monday to help you. Remember you can structure them in two ways. The meaning of the kennings should not be too obvious.

a noun + a noun (by adding –er to the second noun) or

a noun + a verb (the verb usually ends in -ing)