**Class Schedule**

1. Test on last lesson’s vocabulary (15 mins)
2. Opening Activity (10 mins)
3. Read extract (10 mins)
4. Comprehension questions (15 mins)
5. Read through new vocab (10 mins)

**Refresh Test**

* Spot check on definitions, antonyms and synonyms of last week’s words (use the words in sentences)

**Opening Activity**

*Match the word to the definition!*

1. Development
2. Guard
3. Rough
4. System
5. Instrument
6. Compel
7. Earnest
8. Foe
9. Hoax
10. Insolent
11. Having an uneven or irregular surface; not smooth
12. A tool or implement
13. Showing sincerity and conviction
14. Showing a rude lack of respect
15. Watch over in order to protect or control
16. Force someone to do something
17. A humorous or unkind
18. deception
19. An enemy or opponent
20. How something grows or evolves
21. A set of things that work together in a connected way

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

He was alone. Soon he thought it was beginning to feel warm. Is that a kind of a **glow** I seem to see coming right ahead down there? he thought. It was. As he went forward it grew and grew, till there was no doubt about it. It was a red light, steadily getting redder and redder. Also it was now **undoubtedly** hot in the tunnel. **Wisps** of **vapour** floated up and past him and he began to sweat. A sound, too, began to **throb** in his ears, a sort of bubbling like the

noise of a large pot **galloping** on the fire, mixed with a **rumble** as of a gigantic tom-cat purring. This grew to the **unmistakable** **gurgling** noise of some vast animal **snoring** in its sleep down there in the red glow in front of him.

It was at this point that Bilbo stopped. Going on from there was the bravest

thing he ever did. The **tremendous** things that happened afterward were as nothing compared to it. He fought the real battle in the tunnel alone,

before he ever saw the **vast** danger that lay in wait. At any rate after a short pause, go on he did; and you can imagine him coming to the end of the tunnel, an opening of much the same size and shape as a doorway. Through

it peeps the hobbit’s little head. Before him is the deepest **cellar** or dungeon-hall of the ancient dwarves right at the Mountain’s root. It is almost dark so that its **enormous** size can only be guessed at, but rising from the near side

of the rocky floor there is a great glow. The glow of Smaug!

There he lay, a vast red-golden dragon, fast asleep; a **thrumming** sound came from his jaws and nostrils, and wisps of smoke, but his fires were low while asleep. Beneath him, under all his limbs and his huge **coiled** tail, and around

him on all sides stretching away across the floors, lay countless piles of precious things, gold, silver, gems and jewels - stained in the red light. Smaug lay, with his wings folded like an enormous bat, turned partly on one side, so that the hobbit could see his long pale belly **crusted** with gems and pieces of gold from his sleeping on this expensive bed. To say that Bilbo’s breath was taken away is no description at all. His heart was filled and pierced with

**enchantment** and with the desire of dwarves; and he gazed motionless, almost forgetting the **frightful** **guardian**, at the gold beyond price and count.

He stared for what seemed like an age, before drawn almost against his will, he crept from the shadow of the doorway, across the floor to the nearest edge of the mounds of treasure. Above him the sleeping dragon lay, a terrible **menace** even in his sleep. Bilbo grasped a great two-handled cup, as heavy as he could carry, and cast one fearful eye upwards. Smaug stirred a wing, opened a claw, the rumble of his snoring changed its note.

Dragons may not have much real use for all their wealth, but they remember every piece of it - and Smaug was no exception. He had passed from an **uneasy** dream to a **doze**, and from a doze to wide waking. There was a breath of

strange air in his cave. Could there be a **draught** from that little hole? Smaug thought he could hear the **dim** echoes of a knocking sound from far above his lair that came down to his lair. He stirred and stretched his neck to sniff at

the hole. Then he noticed that the great two-handled cup had been stolen!

Thieves! Fire! Murder! Such a thing had not happened since first he came to the Mountain! His rage passes description - fire roared from his **nostrils**, the hall smoked, he shook the mountain roots. Then, coiling his length together, roaring like thunder underground, he sped from his deep **lair** through its great door, out into the huge passages of the mountain palace and up towards the Front Gate to chase the thief who had stolen his treasure!

**Comprehension Questions**

1. Summarise the extract in a few sentences.
2. Describe Bilbo’s character – what do we find out about him in this extract?
3. Using your own words describe Smaug.
4. What type of narration is this, and how does it help us identify with the characters?
5. Look at Tolkien’s use of punctuation and speech – why is it effective in this extract?
6. What do we think is going to happen next and why?
7. Who are we meant to identify with or support in this extract?

**Vocabulary**

* *Define each word, put it into one of four categories (noun, adjective, verb or adverb) and, where applicable, note down a synonym or antonym.*
1. Glow – give out a steady light
2. Undoubtedly
3. Wisp – a small thin piece or amount of something
4. Vapour – a gas-like substance suspended in the air
5. Throb
6. Gallop – n. the fastest pace of a horse; v. to go at the pace of a gallop.
7. Rumble – make a continuous, deep and resonant sound
8. Unmistakable
9. Gurgling – to make a hollow bubbling sound
10. Snoring – to make a grunting or snorting sound in one’s sleep
11. Tremendous
12. Vast – a very great extent or quantity
13. Cellar – a basement room in a house, usually used for coal or wine
14. Enormous – very large in size or quantity
15. Thrumming – to make a continuous rhythmic humming sound
16. Coiled
17. Crusted – having or forming a hard outer layer
18. Enchantment – a feeling of great pleasure or delight
19. Frightful
20. Guardian – a person who protects or defends something
21. Crept or creep – move slowly and carefully in order to not be noticed
22. Menace – a person or thing that is likely to cause harm
23. Uneasy
24. Doze – sleep lightly
25. Draught – a currently of cool air in a room
26. Dim – not shining brightly or clearly
27. Nostrils – the holes in a nose
28. Lair - a place where a wild animal lives

**Homework**

* Revise the vocabulary we have learned today.
* Describe an encounter with a dragon using ten of the words from the vocabulary list above, or any of their synonyms or antonyms.