



# GET YOUR SCHOOL WRITING

## An epic author event

- *Beowuff* author Robin Price will inspire and engage your pupils with this cross-curricular event that covers reading, history and writing
- Brilliant for getting boys (and girls) into writing
- Not just an author reading out their book

### Pupils will also get to:

- Write their own Viking stories
- Recreate a Viking raid and feast
- 'Battle' each other in a fun quiz

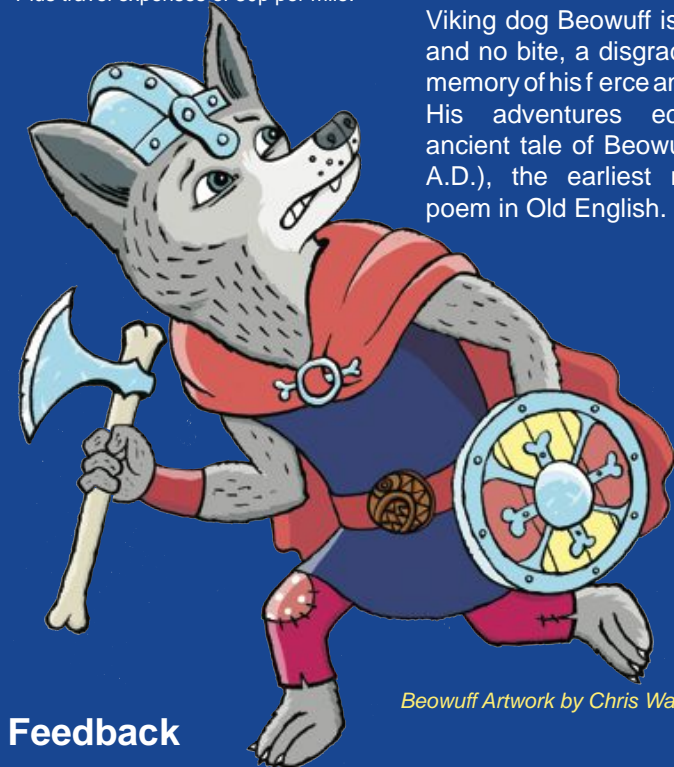


### A whole day of activities:

- One hour 'interactive' assembly
- Followed up with creative writing workshops in class
- *Signed books are available for £7 (RRP £7.99)*

**Prices: Assembly £150\* + £40 per writing workshop. or whole day for just £249\* including VAT.**

\*Plus travel expenses of 30p per mile.



*Beowuff Artwork by Chris Watson*

Viking dog Beowuff is all bark and no bite, a disgrace to the memory of his fierce ancestors. His adventures echo the ancient tale of Beowulf (1000 A.D.), the earliest recorded poem in Old English.

## Feedback

"Robin's sessions not only gave children a structure for planning a story, but really excited and inspired them so that they couldn't wait to get writing!" – R. Smith, Deputy Head Trafalgar Junior School (April, 2011)

"Thank you very much for your work with us this week. I was amazed at how engaged our pupils were - you really caught their imagination and made the sessions enjoyable for them." – Michelle, National Skills Curriculum Coordinator, The Albany Business and Enterprise College

"Thank you for visiting our school. I thought that the game was BRILLIANT" – Aqsa (aged 11)

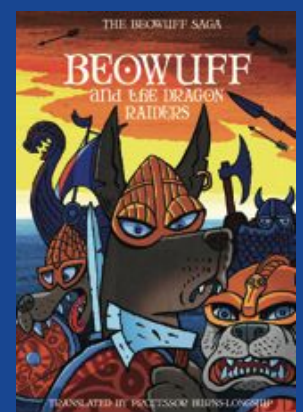
"Robin, thank you so much for visiting schools here in Bristol... the children & teachers all thought it was brilliant and I know they will have got a lot out of it." – Margaret Pemberton, School Library Service

## About the Beowuff Series

- Set in viking times, in a world ruled by dogs
- Gets pupils aged 7-12 into history
- Ties in with KS1 & 2 (Year 3/4): Invaders & KS2 History. Visit [www.mogzilla.co.uk/curriculum](http://www.mogzilla.co.uk/curriculum) for information



Robin Price has teamed up with Richard Eccles to create the *Beowuff* series. Robin is the author of five *Spartapuss* adventures as well as *London Deep* which was chosen as a **Recommended Read for World Book Day 2011**. Robin also writes for *Tall Stories* Theatre Company. He co-wrote musical versions of Julia Donaldson's bestsellers *The Gruffalo* and *Room On the Broom*.



## Reviews of Robin's other titles\*

"History with cattitude!" – Junior Magazine

"One of Britain's brightest authors." – Teaching & Learning

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# WRITE YOUR OWN VIKING STORY



## 1. GIVE YOUR CHARACTERS VIKING NAMES:

### ROMAN PERSONAL NAMES (PRAENOMEN)

#### MALE NAMES:

ARNE	EIRIK	ROLF	VIDAR	IVAR	INGE	OLAV	ULF
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#### FEMALE NAMES:

ASTRID	GUDRUN	RAGNHILD	HILDA	FREYA	INGRID	BRYNHILD	SIV
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## 2. CHOOSE A LOCATION:

### WHERE WILL YOUR STORY HAPPEN?

WOOD	BEACH	KING'S HALL	LONGSHIP	ISLAND	HUT	OCEAN	ENEMY VILLAGE
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## 3. CHOOSE A VIKING OBJECT:

BROADSWORD	HAMMER	AXE	COINS	RUNESTONE	KEY	HORN	BROACH	CUP
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## 4. HOW DOES THE OBJECT COME INTO YOUR STORY?

## 5. WRITE A SIMPLE PLAN:

### EXAMPLE PLAN:

1. Olav is sick of being poor, so he decides to join King Ivar's war band.
2. The King agrees to take Olav along on the next raid, but he must swear to be both loyal. Bravery is a given.
3. As the raiders approach the enemy shore, there is a terrible storm.
4. Olav gets swept overboard and has to swim for it.
5. On the seabed, he finds a silver cup.
6. By the time he swims ashore, he has missed the battle.
7. Will the King believe his story?

### STORY-WRITING TIPS:

1. Don't plan too much! Just plan enough to get the 'shape' of your story.
2. You can also write down things for your characters to say in the plan.
3. When your plan is finished, read it back carefully and tweak it.
4. When you are happy with your plan, start writing your story in full.

TEACHERS: THERE ARE MORE STORY-WRITING RESOURCES AT [WWW.MOGZILLA.CO.UK](http://WWW.MOGZILLA.CO.UK)

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