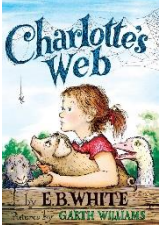
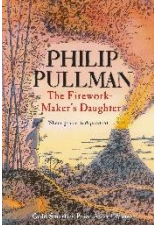




Year 4 Curriculum Overview for Parents

Spring 2 2022

What will your child be learning this half term?

Guided Reading – In Guided Reading this half term, we are studying the novel <i>Charlotte's Web</i>. We will be answering comprehension questions based on these using our VIPERS scheme. Our main focus this half term is vocabulary. 	Religious Education (R.E.) – our units this half term are Lent and Holy Week. We will be learning all about Lent and why it is important, about the Beatitudes, Jesus' teachings of forgiveness and why it is important that we live our lives in this way. We will learn about the key events of Holy Week, reasons for Jesus' death and His trial.
Writing – The focus book for our writing this half term is <i>'Firework Maker's Daughter'</i>.  We will be starting off by writing a journey tale, focussing on creating suspense. Non-fiction: informal letter. We are also preparing one of these to be a performance. Our grammar focus will be: Prepositional phrases, subordinate clauses and possessive pronouns.	Maths – Our Maths this half term is building our knowledge and understanding of fractions. We will be looking at whole numbers, mixed numbers, simplifying fractions and how to add and subtract them. We will then move on to learning about time and solving problems to do with this. We are spending lots of time in class working on our times tables, getting ready for the Year 4 Multiplication Check that the children will sit in June. It is important that they continue to practise these at home as much as possible. Times tables club continues this half term for invited pupils (if you are unsure, please speak to me). It is on a <u>WEDNESDAY</u> until 4.15pm.
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Words with s spelt –sc Words with soft c spelt –ce Words with soft c spelt cl Word families based on common words.	Mental Maths – This half term we will focus on: • mental addition and subtraction methods. • multiplication and division facts linked to times tables up to 12x12.
Geography - In Geography this half term, we are studying Natural Resources, where we are learning all about the world's natural resources, comparing the resources in different countries and understanding how a circular economy works.	Science – In Science, we are studying Ecosystems. The children are learning about the diets of animals, what an ecosystem is and how to construct and interpret a food chain/web.
Physical Education (P.E.) Children will need their PE kit in school on Mondays and Tuesdays: red round-necked PE top, navy shorts, plain black pumps. This half term in PE we are studying tennis and multi skills. We will be working on our coordination, focussing and team skills as well as how to play tennis following rules.	French – French weather and the water cycle The children will be learning phrases to describe the weather and vocabulary for the compass points; counting from 1-100 in multiples of ten; combining this knowledge to make statements about what the temperature is in different parts of France and to deliver a weather forecast. The unit culminates in a French science lesson, where the children explore the water cycle and recognise scientific cognates.

Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) – Emotional wellbeing and life cycles are what we are looking at in PSHE this half term. How to look after our mental health and that of others, life cycles and how to support others at various times in our lives.	Music – we are learning composition and improvisation in small groups and recording a class composition.
Computing – we will be continuing our work on programming and moving on to looking at data logging and analysing.	

Other Important Information

Key dates for this half term:

- Wednesday 1st March – World Book Day drama workshop
- Wednesday 1st March – Geologist speaker
- Friday 3rd March – World Book Day dress up as a book character. Class theme is Snow White but the children do not have to come dressed as this.
- Wednesday 8th March – Fire Safety Talk
- Sunday 12th March – Family Mass at St Joseph's Darlaston 8:30am
- Tuesday 14th March – STEM workshop
- Tuesday 21st March – Year 4 going to Mass at church
- Friday 24th March – Parent orienteering workshop 2pm
- Tuesday 28th March – Stations of the Cross 2pm
- Friday 31st March – Easter Egg Diorama competition in the hall in the afternoon

Homework in Year 4

- Children are expected to read every day for 15 - 20 minutes – **please sign your child's planner to show that this has been completed.**
- Spellings will be stuck into **planners** and shared on the **class page** of the **school website**. Please help your child to learn these spellings at home. Spelling tests will take place on **Thursdays** each week.
- Mental Maths – Please help your child to practise **addition, subtraction and multiplication facts** at home. Mental Maths tests will take place on **Wednesdays** each week.