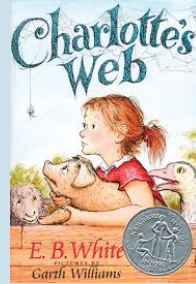




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English

This half term our key text will be *Charlotte's Web*. We will explore this book in early morning reading sessions and will also use it as a stimulus to write for a range of purposes, including to inform, to persuade and to entertain the reader. There will be activities devoted to the exploration and representation of important characters from the book, as well as opportunities for pupils to express turning points in the story using drama.



Spellings sessions continue to be vital to the development of children's written work. We will explore the etymology of new vocabulary, work with homophones and revise our understanding of words containing the 'ie' and 'ei' sounds.

In Reading Masters sessions we will cover a range of text types, including poetry and classic fiction.

Maths

This half term we will be working with negative numbers, coordinates in the first and second quadrant, units of measure (including mass, length and capacity) and time. We have been working hard to develop pupils' mathematical reasoning skills in school, so we would encourage all parents and carers to try to support their children in this endeavour by challenging them to explain how they know that their work is accurate - or how they know they've gone wrong!



In mental maths sessions, we are excited to share that children now have access to Times Tables Rock Stars - a fun and secure website dedicated to improving fluency with multiplication and division facts. Information about your child's unique log in details is available on the Y5 section of the website and on Seesaw's announcements page.

Key Vocabulary

nature environment habitat native persecution seasonal extinct
woodland wetland fenland heritage coast migration vertebrate
invertebrate breeding deciduous evergreen conservation rewilding

Topic

In geography sessions we will be exploring the natural world, considering the animals and plants which live around us. We will link our learning with design and technology through the creation of bug hotels, and will use computing sessions to blog about the processes we carry out.



In French we are continuing to study the world around us ('Notre monde'). We will begin by looking at continents before moving onto learning about animals and their habitats.

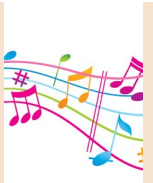
Science

Our science topic this half term is the human body, looking in particular at the circulatory system, respiratory system, diet & exercise, drugs & alcohol and their impact on health.



Music

We will be trying to keep up our school singing session with various events throughout the term. Our music sessions will be looking at digital composition using online software.



Sports

We strongly encourage you to try and stay active in any way that you can. Exercise is great for the body and the mind. Join Joe Wicks on Youtube at 9am everyday for a fun workout; try learning some dance routines with your family using Just Dance (also on YouTube); or try out some child friendly yoga.



Get outside as often as you can and, if you need a break, there will often be mindfulness activities suggested on Seesaw.

RE/RSE

In RE we will be continuing to study Hinduism. Our key question will be *Do beliefs in Karma, Samsara and Moksha help Hindus live good lives?*



In RSE we will be considering how isolation and loneliness affect mental wellbeing. Later in the half term, we will also be reviewing ways to stay safe online.

Weekly diary

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access and submit learning via Seesaw
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Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access and submit learning via Seesaw• Let your teacher know about other activities that you have been doing via Seesaw

Key Dates this Half-Term

Tuesday 12th May

Year 5 Wonderful Webs cafe - Join us for our virtual cafe linked to our key text for the half term: Charlotte's Web. If you have/can collect any string, thread or other weaving materials prior to this date, that would be fantastic (although, not essential).

News

We would like to welcome back all children and their families. We hope that you have all had a wonderful, safe Spring break and managed to make the most of the beautiful weather.

Thank you to everyone who has managed to log on to Seesaw and complete some/all of the online learning set there. Some of you have also been completing your learning as paper packs which is excellent.

Please can we remind all parents and carers that there is an expectation that your children are completing home learning activities during this period of school closures.

If you complete any other activities such as gardening, cooking, lego challenges, artistic tasks etc we would love you to upload a photo onto Seesaw!

Don't forget, you also need to be getting lots of fresh air and exercise (this is a great way to boost mental wellbeing too) so aim to get outside for at least 30 minutes everyday.