

# Year 3 and 4 Spring Term 1 Curriculum Cycle A

## **Key Information:**

Teacher : Mrs Cumming-Bruce

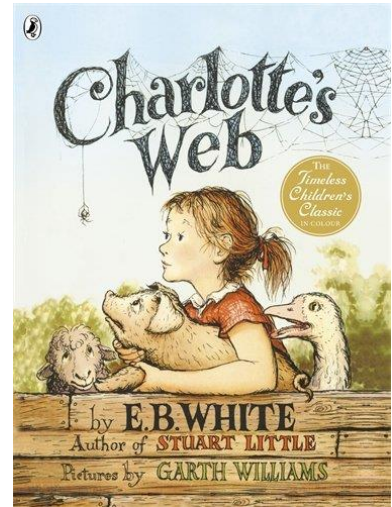
TA: Mrs Murphy

Reading Records: checked on a Monday

Homework : Handed out on Wednesday, due in on Monday

PE day: Monday

Forest School: Thursday



## **English:**

In English, we will be reading 'Until I met Dudley', which is a humorous book explaining how every day things work. For example, until she met Dudley the clever dog, the character in the story believes that dishwashers have cats inside them to lick the plates clean. Dudley then explains how they really work. The children will use this to help them to practice instructional and explanation texts, complete with diagrams and captions.

For our guided reading sessions, we will be reading 'Charlotte's Web' by E.B. White together as a class and completing comprehension and grammar activities related to it. Once we are familiar with this text, it will also become our second English Text of the term.

## **Maths:**

In maths, we will start by using our times tables knowledge to help us learn how to do written methods of multiplication. The Year 4 children will also focus more on division. We will also spend some time on length and perimeter before moving on to fractions.

## **Science:**

Our science topic this half term is all about Living Things. We will be looking at how living can be identified, classified and grouped, what their various habitats are like and identify similarities and differences between different species.



## Geography

For our first Geography topic of the year, we will be learning map skills. We will be learning how to use a key, survey the land and study how land is used.



## Music

This term's Music topic is called 'Let Your Spirit Fly' and is based around the song of the same name. The online material on Charanga presents an integrated approach to music where games, the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), singing and playing instruments are all linked.



## PSHE

In PSHE we will be looking at Safety and The Changing Body, touching on online safety, privacy, first aid and choices and influences.

## Art

In Art we will be studying the life and works of Spanish artist and architect Antoni Gaudi. The children will have the opportunity to recreate his style and techniques in their own pieces of art.



## PE and Forest School

On Mondays we will have a PE session led by 'Club Energy' where the children will learn handball.

Thursday afternoons will be our Forest School sessions, led by Miss Airey and Mrs Hatwell.

## RE

In our RE lessons this half term we will be learning about special holy journeys and pilgrimages. We will be studying and comparing pilgrimages that take place in Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism and Hinduism.

## French

Mrs Gosling will be leading French sessions and the children will be covering the topic of School Life.

### How to help your child at home

- Your child should read every day at home. Hearing your child read aloud as much as possible and discussing what they have read really helps with their comprehension. Times tables practice is also brilliant for their maths.
- Please gently encourage them to complete homework, supporting when necessary, and if they are finding it difficult or taking a long time over it, I am happy to go through it with them in school.
- Spelling assignments will be set each week on Spelling Shed, coinciding with the spelling sound/rule they have been covering in school that week.