

Year 4 - Autumn 1
Home Learning
Activities



Parents and carers with older children at Abbotswood will be familiar with our half-termly, home learning projects.

Usually, your child would be presented with five, optional home learning projects in this booklet to work on at home over the course of the half term with the goal of achieving a bronze, silver or gold certificate.

Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we are unable to receive projects that the children have worked on at home. We aim to re-launch the projects as soon as it is safe to do so.



Your child will be focussing upon learning these compulsory words this half term. Please help them practice at home:

- Exercise
- Famous
- Various
- Favourite
- Material
- Notice
- Naughty
- Difficult

Your child can loan children's eBooks from our brand new *



Your child can practice their times tables on *

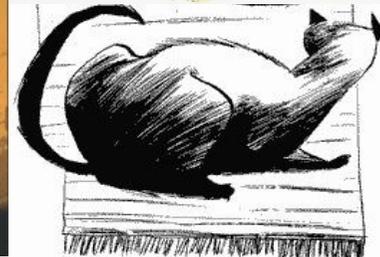
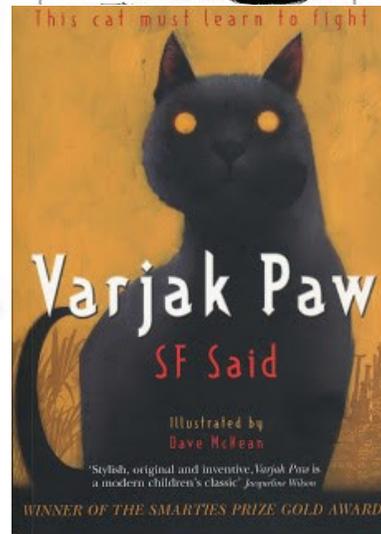


* More information will be provided next week

Paws
For Thought



This cat must learn to fight

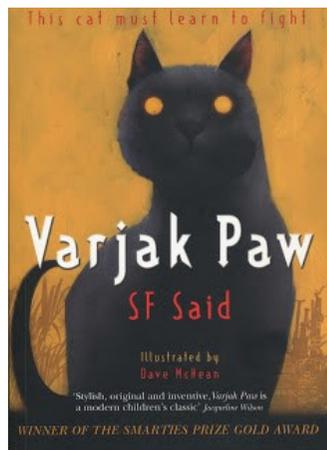


Autumn 1 2020
Year 4 Learning Unit
(7 weeks)

Hook

Our topic began with a visit from children's illustrator Simon Chadwick who showed Year 4 how to draw their own cat characters. During the day, the children were introduced to the book 'Varjak Paw', written by S.F. Said. They began to investigate the storyline and listened to the first chapters.

Rich Read



Learning experiences

- **English:** Exploring character's personalities and feelings, hot seating, writing in role, describing settings, describing characters and generating suspense, editing and improving.
- **Art:** Mirroring the style of an illustrator.
- **PSHE:** Understanding relationships.
- **RE (not linked to topic):** Learning about sacred texts.

Topic Words

family, agile, Elder Paw, Varjak, nimble, skilful, hideous, terrifying, fierce, handsome, council, vanishing, circle.



Main Focus

This topic will focus upon:

English: where the children will write in the style of children's author S.F. Said in order to produce a story about the cat character that they will create on Hook Day. They will also write a set of instructions that will provide information on skills described in *Varjak Paw*.

Art: where the children will learn how to develop illustrations of the animal characters who feature in their stories.

PSHE: where the children will explore how the characters featured in *Varjak Paw* interact with each other, using this to help them understand how to maintain positive relationships.

RE (not linked to topic): where the children will learn about sacred texts.

*At the start of this half term, time has been put aside for the children to explore their feelings towards lockdown; they will be given toolkits to help them to cope with change and to help them to talk about their emotions.

Outcome

'Lower School Story Time'

Friday 23rd October

The Year 4 children will have the opportunity to share the finished version of their story, featuring the illustrations that they will have designed in Art, with children from Year 3 before listening to the stories which the Year 3 children have created during their first topic.

If your child enjoys *Varjak Paw*, they may also like:

