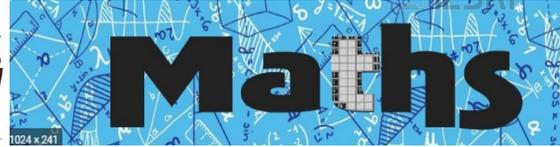
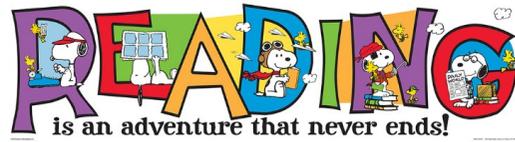


Year 4 - Autumn 1
Home Learning



Starting in Week 4...
Each week, your child will have two home learning tasks:



Their goal will be to make three entries a week in their reading diary. *

Their goal will be to play 5 games on... *



*More information will be provided in due course.

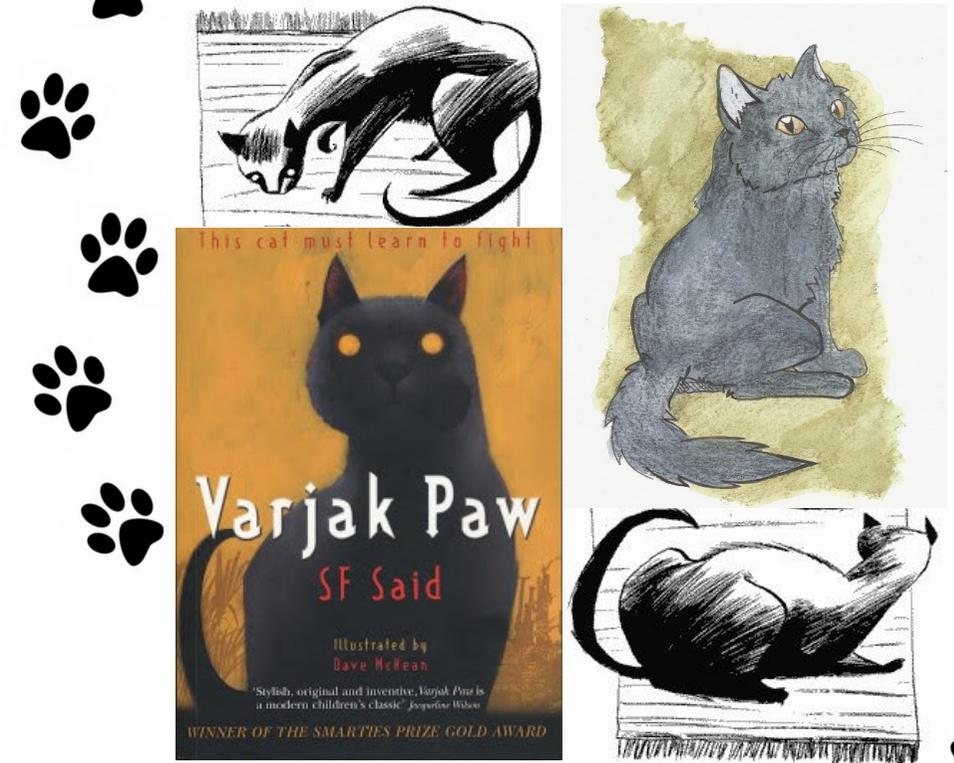


Your child will be focusing upon learning these compulsory words this half term. Please help them practise at home:

exercise, famous, various, favourite, material, notice, naughty, difficult

Although not compulsory homework, your child will also have access to a school programme called 'Spelling Shed'. We actively encourage you to spend time with your child on this programme as the spellings will mirror those learned in school.

Paws
For Thought



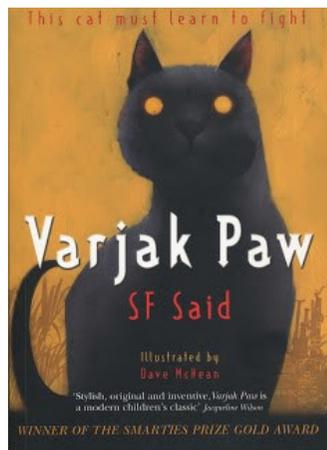
Autumn 1 2022
Year 4 Learning Unit
(7 weeks)

Hook

Our topic begins with a visit from children's illustrator

Simon Chadwick who will show Year 4 how to draw their own cat characters. During the day, the children will be introduced to the book 'Varjak Paw', written by S.F. Said. They will begin to investigate the storyline and will listen to the first chapters.

Rich Read



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.

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

Music: where the children will produce short compositions that link to their writing.

DT: where the children will learn to create cat shaped hand puppets.

Computing (not linked to topic): where the children will learn how to design a computer quiz linked to Times Table Rock Stars.

PSHE (not linked to topic): where the children will explore family relationships.

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

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, showing movement in cartoons.
- **Music:** using tuned and non-tuned instruments.
- **PSHE:** hot seating, taking a stand, debating, giving advice,
- **Computing:** programming and coding.
- **RE:** learning about sacred texts.
- **DT:** using sewing skills.

Outcome

'Year 4 Story Time'

Thursday 20th 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, to their parents and carers. They will also perform their musical piece and share their hand puppets with you.

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

