

Year 5 Newsletter

Middleton Parish Church School

Spring 2 2023

Reading

This half term in reading, children will read a variety of different texts to answer comprehension questions.

Writing

In writing, we will be using the novel *The Diary of an Edo Princess* as our stimulus. We will write a persuasive speech which will lead into a debate.



Reading

Class Novel

This half term we will be reading *Children of the Benin Kingdom*.

Children of the Benin Kingdom is about a girl called **Ada** and how the discovery of her astonishing birth and family affects her life and future. A man sells the story of Ada's true identity, so she, Papa Eze (her foster father) and a boy called Mbe, who lives with them, have to flee into the forest.



Reading Books

Our new class libraries have been set and are ready to go for the year ahead and all children should now have a reading book.

Should children have a home reading book they would like to read, please send it into school for teachers to check it provides enough challenge to support progression in reading.

Adults in school will read with all children at least once a week. We ask that children read at home daily.

All reading should be recorded on the bookmark. Problem words/new vocabulary can be added on go read alongside in vocabulary books.

Homework

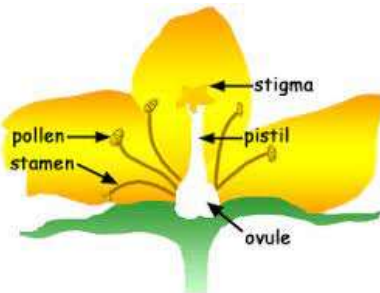
As shared on dojo, homework will be sent out each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Tasks will take the children no longer than ten minutes and must be completed each night and returned the next day to help support our learning in class.



Science

Our science topic this term is Living Things and their habitats.

We will look at the life cycles of plants and animals and how they reproduce. We will investigate if there are any similarities and differences.



Contacting Us

If you need to talk to contact a member of the year 5 team please do not hesitate to send us an email.

Our class email address is

year5@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk

Please note that although we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible, it may take up to five working days.

Religious Education

In R.E, we are looking at the topic Why Christians believe Easter is a celebration of victory.

We will retell the Easter story in detail and talk with understanding about the Christian belief that Jesus died and rose victoriously and what it means to Christians.



Important Dates

Where needed, more information about these upcoming events will be communicated via ClassDojo.

Wednesday 1st March 2023 African drumming sessions

Friday 3rd March World Book Day celebrations
Week beginning 20th March Easter Experience

4th April break up for Easter

Maths

In maths this half term, children will be looking at formal written methods of multiplication. We will learn at how to answer these questions in an arithmetic style and how to pull them apart using 'what do you notice' and 'what do we know' in order to answer reasoning questions.



PSHE

Our Heart Smart topic is 'Don't rub it in.'

In this topic, we are learning to be more forgiving.

