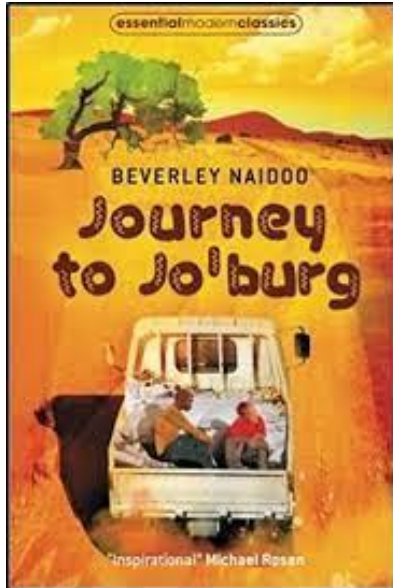


Year 4 Spring 1 English Book

During Spring 2 term, Year 4 will be reading and learning about the text *Journey to Jo'Berg* by Beverley Naidoo.



Journey to Jo'Berg is a fictional text which is set on events relating to the past. It is set in apartheid South Africa where Mma lives and works in Johannesburg, far from the village thirteen-year-old Naledi and her younger brother, Tiro, call home. When their baby sister suddenly becomes very sick, Naledi and Tiro know, deep down, that only one person can save her. Bravely, alone, they set off on a journey to find Mma and bring her back to comfort and nurse her back to life. It isn't until they reach the city that they come to

understand the dangers of their country, and the painful struggle for freedom and dignity that is taking place all around them.

It will be helpful for your child to have access to this book during the Autumn half term so that they can start reading the story.

Year 4 will be writing a letter in character, a diary entry, and hold a debate. Please find attached at the back of this letter a word mat with key vocabulary we will be using this term.

Some useful links for Spring 1 can be found on BBC Bitesize:

Expanded noun phrases:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwwp8mn/articles/z3nfw6f>

Fronted Adverbials:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwwp8mn/articles/zp937p3>

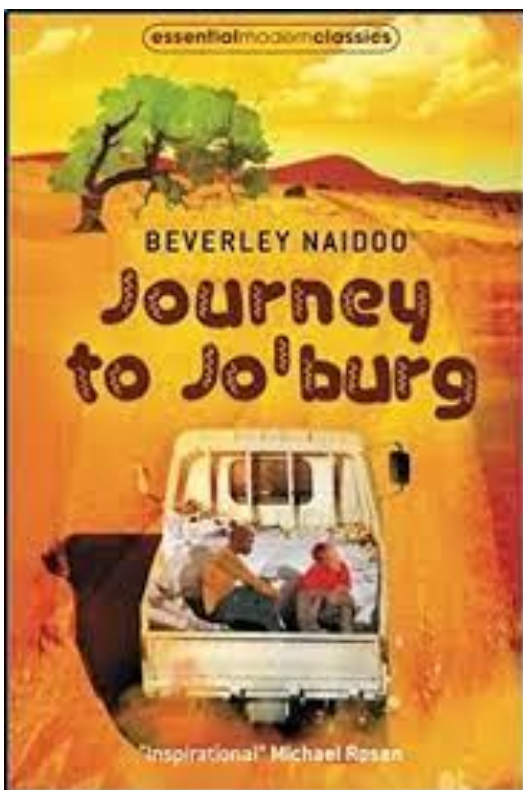
Please encourage your child to practise their Yr3/4 spellings that have been sent home with them along with timetables activities. Furthermore, it is expected that your child reads every night

Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings

accident	caught	eighth	heard	minute	possible	strange
accidentally	centre	enough	heart	natural	potatoes	strength
actual	century	exercise	height	naughty	pressure	suppose
actually	certain	experience	history	notice	probably	surprise
address	circle	experiment	imagine	occasion	promise	therefore
answer	complete	extreme	increase	occasionally	purpose	though
appear	consider	famous	important	often	quarter	although
arrive	continue	favourite	interest	opposite	question	thought
believe	decide	February	island	ordinary	recent	through
bicycle	describe	forward	knowledge	particular	regular	various
breath	different	forwards	learn	peculiar	reign	weight
breathe	difficult	fruit	length	perhaps	remember	woman
build	disappear	grammar	library	popular	sentence	women
busy	early	group	material	position	separate	
business	earth	guard	medicine	possess	special	
calendar	eight	guide	mention	possession	straight	



These are the Year 3 and 4 statutory spelling words that your child needs to know and use by in their writing.



Key vocabulary linked to the text

Key vocabulary

Apartheid - a former policy of segregation and political and economic discrimination against non-European groups in the Republic of South Africa.

Racism - the belief in the natural superiority of one race over another
Segregation - the practice or policy of separating a race, class, or group from the rest of society.

Poverty - not having enough money for basic needs such as food, water, shelter, or toilets.

Prejudice - judging someone or having an idea about them before you actually know anything about them