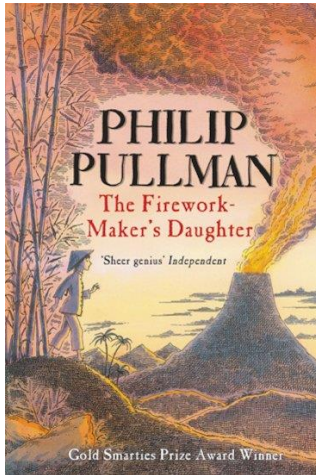


Year 4 Autumn 2 English Book

During Autumn 2 term, Year 4 will be reading and learning about the text *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* by Phillip Pullman.



A young girl called Lila wants to become a firework-maker, like her father Lalchand. Despite her talents, Lalchand believes this is an unsuitable job for girls. Lila disagrees, and journeys to get Royal Sulphur from Razvani the Fire-Fiend at Mount Merapi, as all aspirant firework-makers must do.

The quest is nearly unsuccessful, as she does not have protection from the Fire-Fiend's flames or the Three Gifts to present to Razvani. However, her friends Hamlet, a talking white elephant, and Chulak, Hamlet's caretaker, manage to deliver the water of the Goddess of the Emerald Lake that will protect her. To Lila's surprise, Razvani recognizes her as a firework maker who has brought the Three Gifts, despite Lila being unaware of what the Three Gifts are.

Upon her return home, she learns that Lalchand has been imprisoned for the disappearance of Hamlet. To save his life, Lila and Lalchand must win the upcoming competition for the Firework Festival against other extremely talented firework makers. Upon their victory, Lalchand explains to his daughter that she does possess the Three Gifts: rather than tangible objects, they are talent, perseverance, and luck, all of which she has. She has talent, having worked with her father at firework-making for many years; courage and perseverance, for having undertaken the journey; and good fortune, which lies in having loyal friends, Chulak and Hamlet.

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 character description, instructions, a diary entry, and a persuasive argument. 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 Autumn 2 can be found on BBC Bitesize:

Subordinating conjunctions:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/zqk37p3>

Coordinating conjunctions:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/z9mwqhv>

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.

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workshop

gunpowder

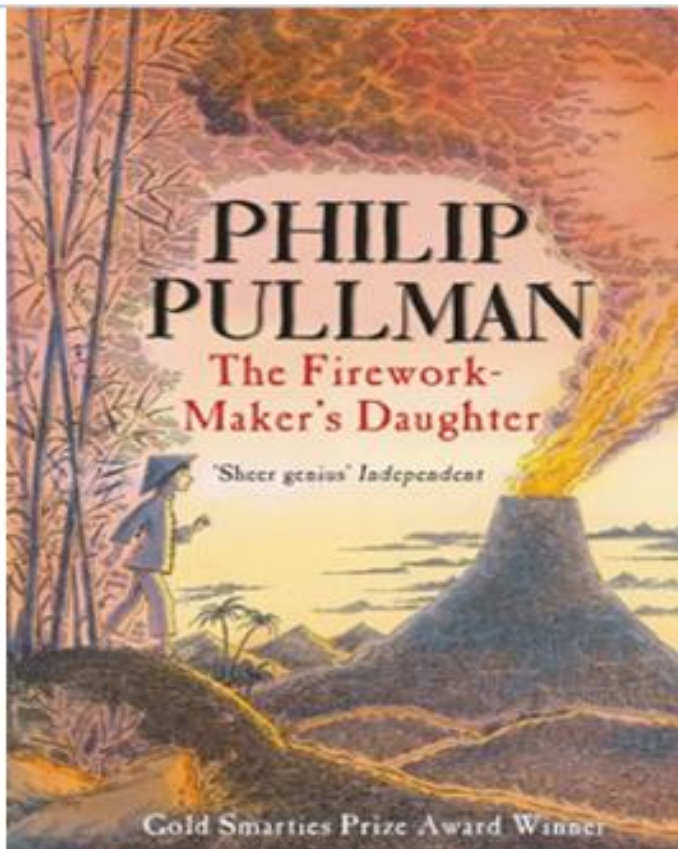
toddled

flare

lantern

rupee

loathe



tumbling

billboard

rickshaw

repellent

pungent

sulphur

jostled

courtier

Key vocabulary linked to the text