



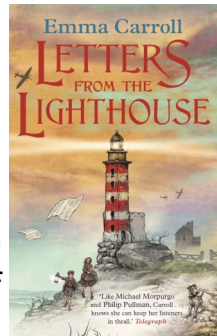
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Ladybower Pentecost I Newsletter

Welcome back! Here's an overview of what we will be learning about in Ladybower this half term.

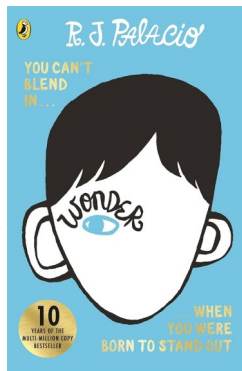
English

Letters from the Lighthouse



For the first part of this half-term we will carry on looking at the historical context of this book to produce a biographical piece of writing on Anne Frank.

Wonder



Wonder is a coming of age story for August. He learns that he can do difficult things. As August becomes independent, Mom also realizes that she needs to pull back and let him grow independently.

We will be using this book to produce a variety of pieces of writing going in-depth with the characters and to gain an understanding of the story.

Maths

Using White Rose Maths, we will be covering the following areas of learning;

Shape

- Measure and classify angles
- Calculate angles
- Vertically opposite angles
- Angles in a triangle
- Angles in quadrilaterals
- Angles in polygons
- Circles
- Draw shapes accurately
- Nets of 3-D shapes

Geometry—Position and direction

- Read and plot points in four quadrants
- Solve problems with coordinates
- Translations
- Reflections

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.Witnesses

What do I want to witness to in my life?

Christians believe that the spirit of God is active in each person and in a special way in the community of believers which is the Church. The Feast of Pentecost is the celebration both of the gift of God's Holy Spirit and the trust God places in people to be witnesses in the world.

Hinduism

The children will gain an understanding of the term 'dharma' and talk about the importance and the ways in which we show respect for life through a range of activities.

We will then look at Karma and the effect it has on the life of a Hindu.



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Science

Evolution and Inheritance

During this topic, the children will:

- recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago
 - recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents
- identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution

History

World War 2

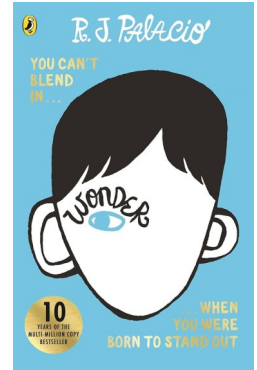
During this topic, the children will:

- Learn about the outbreak of WW2
- Understand what evacuation is and the effect it had on peoples' lives
- Understand what rationing is and why it was necessary
- Learn about the importance of the role of women during WW2
- Understand what The Holocaust was and the significant impact it had on the world
- Understand the key events of WW2



Guided Reading

In our Guided Reading sessions we will be focussing on our text, **Wonder**.



We will be using the Reading Vipers techniques of vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieve and summarise to engage and understand the text in depth.

How can you help?

This half term, the children in Ladybower will have **Tameside Active Dance** on a **Monday** and **PE** on a **Wednesday**.

Your child should be reading every night, please ensure that they are doing this and to write in their reading diary when they have done so.

Homework is set on a Monday and is due the following Monday.

Spellings are tested on a Friday, and a new list is given out on Fridays. Spellings can be accessed on Spelling Shed and the children's logins are in their reading diary.

Spelling Shed/Maths Shed - please ensure your child is accessing these regularly at home. It will help to embed their spellings and improve fluency particularly with times tables.