

## English Home Learning - Star Anise - w/c 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020

### Reading Comprehension

#### Reading Tasks

You can try as many of these as you want. You may want to complete one a day:

- [Diary of a Soldier](#)
- [Dulce Et Decorum Est](#)
- [Pigeon News](#)
- [Little Things](#)

#### Reading Recap

Some of you might find these texts easier to access ☺

- [Who Was Robin Hood?](#)
- [Shoot Like Robin Hood](#)
- [Lightning Storms](#)

#### Oxford Owl Free e-books

- Use this link - <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/free-ebooks/>
- On this website, you can create a free account as a parent or carer - all you need is an email address - now you should be able to access a range of free books, which you can browse by age, genre, etc.

### Writing Challenge

For a bit of a change this week, why not have a go at some non-fiction writing, and create a persuasive letter.

You might want to go for a fictional slant - like this example [The Yeti](#) - where an explorer is trying to persuade people to believe in the existence of the mythical creature.

Here are some other mythical creatures you could base your writing on, following the example text - [https://kids.kiddle.co/Legendary\\_creature](https://kids.kiddle.co/Legendary_creature)  
Here, author Cressida Cowell describes her top 10 mythical creatures from famous literature - <https://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site/2013/feb/16/cressida-cowell-top-10-mythical-creatures>

You also might want to write about a real topic that relates to your interests or national/global issues.

### Spelling Focus

This week you have words ending in cious/tious. We have looked at some of these before and they continue to be key spellings to learn.

#### Spelling list:

ferocious	gracious
nutritious	ambitious
precious	suspicious
infectious	superstitious
vicious	precocious
cautious	ostentatious

This list is on [www.spellingshed.com](http://www.spellingshed.com) and is called '4<sup>th</sup> May Spelling List'.  
A quiz will be uploaded to the blog on Friday to test yourself ☺

It's important to understand the meaning of words that you are spelling. Search for the definitions of these words online and try to use them correctly in a sentence.

### Spelling Recap - the 'c' sound spelt with 'ch'

Some of you will also have been set these words to recap:

character	ache	aching	echo
anchor	chorus	stomach	chaos
school	chemical		

Find these words on [www.spellingshed.com](http://www.spellingshed.com) - called '4<sup>th</sup> May Spelling Recap'.

### Online Lessons

Be sure to check out the interactive online lessons, which can be found on the 'BBC Bitesize' and 'Oak National Academy' links on the class blog! They are updated every day with new English skills.