



Grade 6

English Home Language
Week 4: 11-15 May
Theme 8
Anansi the tricky spider



Monday

Remember to read for three minutes and report back at the beginning of every day.

Mark the exercises done in week 3 – see file: Week 3 Memos.

Make sure all work for week 3 has been completed and marked.

Revise work.

Platinum p.91 – read about fables and discuss no 1-3

1. A – Anansi and turtle (not actually a tortoise as in this drawing)
- B – The fox and the grapes
- C – The tortoise and the hare





Monday

2. A – In this story Anansi does not want to share his yams (sweet potatoes) with turtle and tricks him. Later turtle pays him back.
B – This story is about a fox that sees a bunch of juicy grapes, but it is too high to reach. After many attempts, instead of admitting defeat, he says that the grapes are sour and he does not really want it any more.
C – You should know the story about how tortoise beat hare in a race.



3. Message/moral lesson

- A – This fable is about sharing. People will learn to treat others as they'd like to be treated. / Never try to outsmart someone. You may find that you yourself are the one to be outsmarted.
- B - It's easy to dislike what you cannot have. / You often hate what you can't have. The expression, “sour grapes” comes from this story.
- C - Slow and steady wins the race. / If you are determined and keep going, you can also be successful.

Tuesday

Platinum p.92 – First read word list

Read “Before you listen” and discuss no 1.

Possible qualities:

Tiger: powerful, arrogant, proud, noble, like a king

Spider: cunning, sly, clever, crafty – making plans, deadly

Snake: evil, proud, vicious

2. Copy the table into your classwork book and match each animal with the most suitable characteristic.

Take note: “cruel and cunning” and “sly and tricky” are similar characteristics, but cruel can also involve animals that kill for food.

Now read the attached story, Anansi and the Snake (or someone can read it to you) and answer “After you listen”: no 1-3 on p. 93 in your classwork book.

You’ll find the story at the end of the copied text book pages.



Wednesday



Platinum p.93

Read the paragraph below “Speak” and discuss no1-3

1. Slaves had very little control over their lives. They belonged to their owners and had to work extremely hard, even the young children had to work in the plantations.
2. Despite their harsh life, they tried to find ways to make them feel like humans and to still be proud of themselves. One way was to tell stories. They enjoyed the Anansi stories, who was also small and powerless, as they were. Anansi often defeated more powerful animals and this encouraged them to think that they would one day also be able to do this.
3. He uses his brains and does not give up, even though he is small.

Wednesday

Fun exercise – Anansi Wordsearch (pdf)

Highlight the words, see if you can find all of them.

Then check your answers on the Anansi answer key (pdf)

You do not have to print, paste or write this in your classwork book.



Thursday

Platinum pp.94-96

Anansi and the moss-covered rock

It is more fun reading this in a group (narrator and 3 characters – Anansi, the little spotted deer and the tiger) Or else you can change your voice while reading the different characters.

Read the word list and do no 1-5 on p.96 in your classwork book.

Write the name of the story as your heading.

At no 5 you can have more than one option.



Friday

Spelling

Group 9 is a revision group, so you will write two sentences instead of 20 words. Do not go to the next slide.

Practise the words and take note of the silent e that drops when you add the suffix –ing (excite – excited – exciting). You may do the word search if you want to.

Get somebody to read the sentences (on next slide) to you.

Mark the test by just deducting the mistakes for a mark out of 20.

Write out the incorrect words x5. If you have full marks, you may get a sweet, a real one at home or this one.

If there is time, read aloud for ten minutes.



Friday

Spelling group 9

1. He exercised without noticing the donkey in his way and hurt his limb.
2. The polite umpire inspected the cricket pitch carefully.



Weekend

