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CLASS 4 SUMMER 1 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and had a much needed break. The first few weeks back have been great and I have enjoyed hearing all of the stories about what you have got up to during the break. This half term, our topic is Nottingham: Robin Hood.

English

We will be focusing on exploring English folklore and the history of Nottingham- Robin Hood. The class text which we are reading is 'Outlaw' by Michael Morpurgo. Our writing focus is on writing for the purpose of entertaining. Additionally, we will be exploring writing for the purpose of informing and linking this to our RE topic of Islam.

Our spelling test continues to be on a Monday. I have sent home the spelling overview for the half term and uploaded an electronic version to the year 4 yammer page. There will be additional tests on Fridays (for some children) which recaps words learnt lower down the school, these include common exception words and high frequency words. This is to support the children with their spellings and to ensure we take a personalised approach to spellings.

Reading Books and Diaries

It is the expectation that children read at home at least three times a week for twenty minutes. Please ensure you write this in their reading diary so we can keep track of how many reads the children have completed as part of our 100-read challenge. Your child should have one book banded book and one book which they can read for pleasure regardless of its book band- this is to encourage a love for reading. Reading regularly also has a huge benefit in helping children with their writing too.

Maths

In maths, our key focus this half term continues to be on decimals- comparing, ordering and partitioning. We will also be looking at money and time. As we are getting closer to the multiplication check, please ensure your child is regularly practising. Children should be using TTRS weekly to do this.

History



This half term we will be looking at the Industrial Revolution and the impact of this in Nottingham. Children will be looking at the causes of the Industrial Revolution, the impact it had on the working classes and how Nottingham was affected. Through exploring primary and secondary sources alongside census for Nottingham pre and post revolution, we shall explore whether the Nottingham we know today is shaped in history by the Industrial Revolution.

Art

This half term we will be looking at Islamic art and architecture. Children will be exploring famous mosques and the art which is in them. Through the exploration of colour, pattern and calligraphy, we will be creating our own pieces of art inspired by Islamic art.

RE

This term Class 4's RE theme is Islam. Children will be exploring the importance of the 5 pillars for Muslims, the significance of prayer and the features of a mosque. Children will be making comparisons to Christianity and start to develop an understanding of why people pray.

Computing

Our computing topic this half term is animation. Children will be creating animations using different software of Robin Hood.

French

This half term we will be focusing on hobbies in French and how to say our preferences.

PSHE

We will be learning about citizenship this half term. This includes exploring the importance of human rights, how we can look after our world, diversity in the community, and the role of local councillors.

PE:

PE will be taught on Thursdays and Fridays, so children should continue to come to school in their PE kits on these days.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact or catch me on the door at the end of the day.

Kind regards,
Miss Farrell