



Curriculum Newsletter Year 4 Term 1 2020 Gunpowder and Plot

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are really excited to be welcoming all of our children back in to school again. This will give us a great opportunity to get to know them all better and to start our learning journey together. We will be supporting all of our children during this time, because for many it will be quite daunting to return following such a long absence from school. This first term back has many opportunities and we are excited to be able to share this with the children.

Overview of themes for the year

Autumn 1- Gunpowder and Plot

Autumn 2- Wild Earth

Spring 1- Arabian Nights

Spring 2- Awesome Author

Summer 1- Back to our Roots

Summer 2- Water, Water Everywhere!



Trips and Visitors for the year

Autumn 2- Children will get a chance to be involved with the local remembrance parade

Spring 1- Linked to our Arabian Nights theme, we will be hoping to get a story teller into school to explore our story telling skills

Spring 2- We are also planning on putting on a play at the end of this term.

Summer 1- We would like to explore the heritage trail at Stanwick lakes focusing on the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age local history. The cost for this trip is approximately £5.00

Summer 2- We will be visiting Everdon as part of our Fab Finale for this theme. The approximate cost for this will be no more than £25.00



Gunpowder and Plot

During the Autumn 1 term, we will be exploring the events and reasons leading to the Gunpowder Plot. We will also explore the lives of some of the plotters, especially those with local links to us. Our Art Wow day on Thursday 3rd September will be focused on firework Art. During our English Wow day on Friday 4th September, we will be exploring wishing tales and The Firework-Maker's Daughter.

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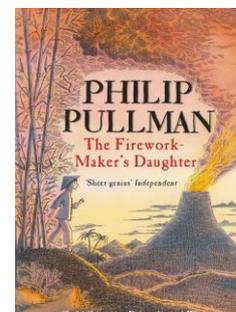


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English

In English, we will be focusing on the story 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman. This story involves a girl called Lila. What Lila wants to be more than anything else in the world is . . . a Firework-Maker! But firework-making is not just about being able to make Crackle-Dragons and Golden Sneezes. We will also be writing our very own wishing tales and looking at the features of diary writing as our non-fiction genre. Please access spellingshed.com to support your child with their learning of new spellings.



Reading

We will be developing our understanding of reading through reading skills sessions. Please listen to your child read as least three times a week and make a note of it in the reading record book. Every time your child reads at home they will get a raffle ticket which goes into a monthly draw to win a book. Also, encourage your child to use Oxford Reading Buddy. This will not only develop your Childs fluency whilst reading, but also put their comprehension skills to the test.

Maths

We will be gaining a greater understanding of place value up to 4 digit numbers using real life contexts. As well as rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000, we will explore Roman Numerals. Finally, we will develop our understanding of addition and subtraction, exploring the value of digits as well as written methods for solving addition and subtraction number sentences. We will then apply what we have learnt by solving mathematical problems.

Times tables

Please support your child with the learning of their times tables. Children in Year 4 need to learn and recall facts for all the times tables up to 12x12. They are tested every week and all children will know which times table they need to be learning. If you could keep practising with your child we will all become times table superstars! Don't forget to log into Times Tables Rock Stars to help with this.



Thank you in advance for all your support. We hope you have a restful summer and we look forward to seeing you in September!

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