



## Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Spring 1 Arabian Nights

Year 4 have had an amazing second term discovering interesting facts about our world in our theme of Wild Earth. We are now looking forward to our Spring 1 theme "Arabian Nights."

### Trips and Visitors for the year

**Spring 1- Arabian Nights** Linked to our Arabian Nights theme, we will be performing our Panto of Aladdin on the evenings of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of February at the end of this term.

**Spring 2- Awesome Author** We are hoping to get a story teller into school to explore our story telling skills. Swimming will form the PE curriculum for this term. More information to follow in the New Year.

**Summer 1- Back to Our Roots** We would like to walk to Stanwick Lakes and explore the heritage trail, focusing on the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age local history.

**Summer 2- Water, Water Everywhere** We will be visiting Hunstanton as part of our Fab Finale for this theme. The approximate cost for this will be no more than £20 which will cover the cost of the coach as well as chips and ice-cream at the seaside!



### Arabian Nights

In this theme we will be focusing on a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history so we have chosen to look at the early Islamic civilisation, including a study of Baghdad. Children will develop their map working skills as we learn to locate countries and areas on maps and contrast one country with another.

Science for this term will focus on sound, identifying how sounds are made, and how they travel through different media. In art the children will be exploring Islamic art and creating Islamic patterns using watercolours.

### English

Our focus book this term will be an adapted version of One Thousand and One Arabian Nights. As part of our English lessons we will become story tellers

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as Scheherazade was and will be focusing on writing detailed setting descriptions as well as writing reviews and discussion texts.

### **Reading**

We will continue to develop a love of books through our daily reading skills sessions focusing this term on the features of myths and legends.

Please continue to listen to your child read as least three times a week and make a note of it in the reading record book. Those children who read three or more times a week receive a 'diddy dot' for working hard and also a sticker for their efforts. As well as this don't forget that every time your child(ren) reads they get a raffle ticket which goes into a weekly draw to win a bonus 30 early bird points.

### **Maths**

We will begin the term by exploring written and mental calculation strategies for multiplying and dividing. We will then look at area of shapes and the need for standard units of measurements and will progress to measuring area by counting the number of centimetre squares that fit within a shape. Finally we will develop work on fractions, introducing the children to hundredths and then develop their understanding of equivalent fractions, before introducing them to fractions greater than 1 in the form of mixed numbers and improper fractions.

### **Times tables**

Please support your child(ren) with the learning of their times tables and related division facts. Children in Year 4 need to learn and recall facts for all the times tables up to 12 x. They will continue to be tested every week and all children will know which times table they need to be learning. Don't forget to log into Times tables rock stars to help improve their skills.

### **Key Dates: - Please see attached sheet**

We hope you have a super Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

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