

Dear Parents & Carers

Year 4 have worked incredibly hard to find out all about the city of Baghdad and read the Arabian nights stories which Scheherazade told the Sultan. The children have had a fantastic time performing their pantomime Aladdin which was a truly spectacular show! We are now looking forward to our Spring 2 theme "Awesome Authors."

### **Trips and Visitors for the year**

**Spring 2 - Awesome Author** We will be having an author in school this term (more details to follow soon).

**A reminder, that swimming will start on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February for 5 weeks and will form the PE curriculum for this term.**

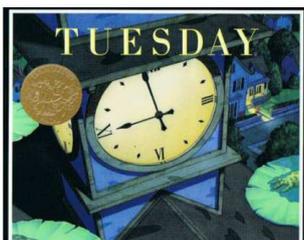
**Summer 1- Back to Our Roots** We would like to walk to Stanwick Lakes and explore the heritage trail, focusing on the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age local history.

**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!

### **Awesome Authors**

During this term we will be exploring the work of the author C. S. Lewis, focussing on the classic tale, The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe and the picture book "Tuesday" by David Weisner linking them both to our geography, art and maths work as well as reading and writing. In science, we will be working scientifically and exploring different enquiry types. We will also be designing and creating our own boxes for Turkish Delight as part of our Design Technology learning.

During the WOW Days of our first week, the children will be creating their own Fantasy Worlds and then using them to inspire their art work.



### **English**

As part of our English lessons we will be using our key text to help us write our own Conquering the Monster Tale. We will also be looking at letter writing and non-fiction texts.

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### **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 at 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 fractions, introducing the children to hundredths and then developing their understanding of equivalent fractions, before introducing them to fractions greater than 1 in the form of mixed numbers and improper fractions. We will move onto adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator and finding a fraction of an amount. We will then move onto learning about decimal notation and explore tenths and hundredths as decimals.

### **Times tables**

Please continue to 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 and take part in the regular 'Battle of the Bands'

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

We hope you have a super half term break and look forward to seeing you back refreshed and ready to start our next learning Journey.

### **Year 4 Team**