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Autumn 2 2025 Newsletter

Message from class teacher

Welcome back, everyone! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half term break. It's hard to believe, but we're already heading into our second half term in Year 4 - and the countdown to Christmas begins! This newsletter gives you an overview of what we'll be learning in the run-up to the holidays. As always, if you have any questions - big or small - feel free to catch me at the door, call or email the office. I'm really looking forward to another busy, fun-filled half term with the class! Homework will be given out on Wednesday each week. It is due back in by the following Tuesday, which is when we will have a spelling test too. PE kit should be worn on Thursday and Fridays this half term. Mr Morris

~Geography~

In Geography, we'll be learning all about rivers and the water cycle. The children will explore how rivers are formed and the journey they take from source to mouth. We'll then look at how water moves around our planet through the water cycle, including evaporation, condensation and precipitation.

~English~

We will begin this half term by writing a newspaper article based on Ernest Shackleton's expedition to Antarctica. We will focus on the structure of our writing, making sure we write in a factual style and sequencing events clearly.

Our writing focus will then turn to fiction. We will study the text, 'The Lion and the Unicorn' before writing our own narrative set in a historical context.

In our reading sessions, we will be turning our study towards Norse Myths! The children will use their inference skills, retrieve information, make predictions, and compare themes across different myths.

~Computing~

In Computing this half term, the children will be developing their audio editing skills as they create their very own podcast! Using the program Audacity, they'll learn how to record, edit, and arrange sound clips to bring their work to life. It's a great opportunity for them to get creative with technology.

~P.E~

The children will need their PE kit on a Thursday and Friday this half term. On a Thursday, the children have a fantastic, active session at the Leisure Centre in Morpeth where we will look at attack and defence in a variety of sports. On a Friday, we will be focusing on gymnastics in PE. We will develop our strength, flexibility and control with a variety of movements and balances.

~French~

In French this half term, we will be examining time. We will learn the names of days of the week and months of the year. We will learn numbers up to 31 and know how to say our birthday!

~PSHE~

In PSHE, we will be considering respect. How do we show respect to ourselves? How do we show respect to friends, family and our neighbours?

~Commando Joes~

Our missions following Ed Stafford on his journey along the Amazon river continue. The children have been working well so far, showing great creativity in their missions. We will turn our focus onto our resilience and communication next half term.



~Mathematics~

Next half term in Maths, we will begin by looking at the area of 2D shapes. Following this, we will work on multiplication and division. This will involve looking at our times tables, analysing patterns, and using times table facts to solve trickier multiplication calculations.

~Design and Technology~

This term in DT, we are becoming inventors! We'll design, programme and build a nightlight using micro:bit technology - it lights up when it's dark. Children will plan their design, code the light sensor logic, test and refine their product, and evaluate their finished creations.

~Science~

In Science this half term, we'll be exploring electricity. The children will learn how to build simple circuits using wires, bulbs, switches and batteries, and will investigate which materials are conductors and insulators. We'll also be thinking about how to stay safe when using electricity. It's a hands-on topic that always sparks curiosity and excitement!

~Music~

This half term, the children are learning to compose music with their friends! They'll be singing songs like *Bringing Us Together* and *Old Joe Clark*, playing instruments, and creating their own tunes. Along the way, they'll think about how music can make the world a better place and bring people together.

~R.E~

This half term in RE, Year 4 will be exploring how and why people try to make the world a better place. We'll learn from Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Humanist ideas, discover inspiring people who make a difference, and think about how we can show kindness and help in our own community.