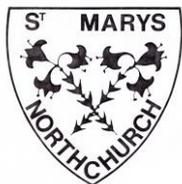


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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to what is always one of the busiest and most enjoyable half-terms of the school year, as Christmas approaches and festive celebrations get underway! Our whole school theme is 'Let's Celebrate' to encourage our seasonal preparations.

Here is a brief overview of what we will be working on this half-term.

Maths: Factor pairs, multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 in preparation for converting measures such as grams to kilograms and metres to kilometres, data and perimeter. We will also continue to work on fractions and decimals and times tables.

English: Character description, news reports including interviews and information leaflets. We will be using discussion and drama work to enhance the children's depth of understanding and their writing. They will also continue to study spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Supporting your child at home

Reading: Please continue to hear your child read at home. Children may bring home a reading book of their choice but they are of course free to read other texts that you have at home.

Homework: This will be sent home on a Wednesday for return on the following Monday. Most weeks this will be one piece of English and one piece of Maths. Other subjects such as Science or topic work may be given instead.

PE and Swimming

Please ensure that children have their indoor and outdoor PE kit in school every day. They will need trainers for Games on Mondays. Swimming will continue on Wednesday mornings for the remainder of this term only. Please make sure that the children are at the swimming pool at 8.45am with swimming costume, towel and goggles if required. For the children at breakfast club, the same arrangements as last half-term will continue. Children should bring a water bottle each day which should be labelled with their name. Please also ensure that all items of uniform are named.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask or to write a note in your child's link book.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Christie

An overview of learning in Year 4, Autumn 2nd Half Term 2018

Understanding English, Communication and languages (Speaking & Listening, Reading, Writing, MfL)	Mathematical Understanding	Religious Education
Using a Power of Reading text to explore: characterisation, news reports including interview, information leaflets. We will also be continuing to develop spelling, punctuation and grammar skills and work on handwriting. For MfL our topic will be 'en famille' (the family).	We will be working on factor pairs, problem solving, measures (including conversion of units of measurement), data and perimeter. The children will continue their work on fractions and decimals with Miss Forsyth. Times Tables work.	The children will be learning about the Hindu faith and will also be finding out how Advent/Christmas is celebrated in different parts of the world.
Scientific and Technological Understanding (Science, Design & Technology)	Historical, Geographical and Social Understanding (PSHE, History, Geography)	Computing
Our Science topic for this half term is Sound. We will be focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - how sounds are made, - how sound travels and soundproofing - variation in pitch and tone - how we hear sounds - ways to reduce what we can hear 	Our whole school value for this half-term is Friendship and our PSHE topic is 'Making Choices'. The children will learn that there are drugs (other than medicines) that are common in everyday life (eg alcohol, tobacco) and why people choose to use them. They will also learn that medicines can be used to manage and treat medical conditions such as asthma. We will be studying Rivers as part of our Geography work, including identifying and understanding the main features of rivers and finding out about rivers around the world.	Computing will follow the Herts Scheme and this half term we will be working on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accuracy Counts, looking at the importance of accuracy in using the world wide web and in research skills. We will be using our Geography topic to improve our research skills.
Understanding Physical Development, health and wellbeing.	Understanding the Arts (Art and Design, Music, Drama, Dance)	
PE will take place on a Monday afternoon with Game On. The second PE session will be swimming on a Wednesday morning.	<u>Music:</u> Music will be taught by Mrs Archbold following the Music Express programme with the theme of Sound, which will enhance their science work, and Recycling, using recycled materials to make their own musical instruments. <u>Art and Design: (taught by Mrs Archbold)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - designing and making a clay model - designing, making and evaluating an Advent Calendar 	