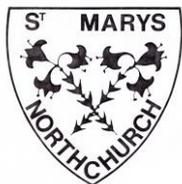


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Dear Families of Year 4,

I hope that you all had a fabulous Christmas and New Year and are now looking forward to the arrival of Spring, hopefully soon! Thank you so much for the wonderful cards and presents, it was very generous and thoughtful and was much appreciated by us all.

Our whole school topic this half term is 'The World Around Us' where we will be using our Geography topic work to locate countries in the world. Also in studying the world around us we will be visiting Bhaktivedanta Manor to further our knowledge and understanding of Hinduism.

In Maths, the children will be working on measures including time, position and direction and written methods for multiplication and division. We will continue to use bar modelling to support many areas of our maths work. The children will be studying shape with Miss Forsyth on Tuesdays. Times Tables work will continue with 'Blast Off!' twice each week.

In English, we will be working on persuasive techniques both in writing and orally using both real and creative contexts. We will also be continuing to study grammar and spelling and to read both through guided reading and individual reading sessions.

Reminders

The children will now have PE on a Wednesday morning instead of swimming. The PE session on a Monday afternoon will continue and, weather permitting, will be outside so please ensure your child has outdoor PE kit.

Homework will continue to be set on a Wednesday and is due in on the following Monday.

If you have any questions about your child's learning or well-being, please don't hesitate to ask or put a note in the link book.

Kind regards,

Mrs Christie

An overview of learning in Year 4, Spring 1st Half Term 2019

Understanding English, Communication and languages <i>(Speaking & Listening, Reading, Writing, MfL)</i>	Mathematical Understanding	Religious Education
<p>Using fiction and non-fiction to develop persuasive writing and verbal techniques including letters, posters, leaflets and a verbal presentation. Spelling Grammar Reading</p> <p>For MFL our topic will be 'au café' (at the café/coffee shop)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - measures, including time - converting measures - position and direction - written methods for multiplication and division - fractions, decimals and percentages - times tables 	<p>The children will be learning about the Hindu faith:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One God who takes many forms - What is a shrine and why is it important in a Hindu home? - Traditions and celebrations - Visiting Bhaktivedanta Manor
Scientific and Technological Understanding <i>(Science, Design & Technology)</i>	Historical, Geographical and Social Understanding <i>(PSHE, History, Geography)</i>	Computing
<p>This half term, we will be learning about States of Matter (solids, liquids and gases).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Classification of materials - Gases - Changing states - Evaporation - Water Cycle 	<p>This half term we will focus on Geography, the topic will be 'Locating Countries'. We will start on the UK then look at Europe and the World, finding out where countries are and also thinking about how and when they were discovered.</p> <p>PSHE: Physical Health and Wellbeing Why people may eat or avoid certain foods (religious, moral, cultural or health reasons) Other factors that may influence lifestyle choices. The importance of sleep.</p>	<p>Computing will follow the Herts Scheme and this half term we will be working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Programming and Games <p>Creating an algorithm for a specific task, To develop, test, debug and refine algorithms.</p>
Understanding physical Development, health and wellbeing. <i>(Physical Education, Personal and Economic Wellbeing)</i>	Understanding the Arts <i>(Art and Design, Music, Drama, Dance)</i>	
<p>PE will continue to take place every Monday afternoon with Game On. PE on a Wednesday morning will be indoors.</p>	<p><u>Music: (planned and taught by Mrs Archbold)</u> Music will follow the Music Express programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building, learning about verse and chorus structure - Around the world, exploring the pentatonic scale <p><u>Art and Design: (planned and taught by Mrs Archbold)</u> Sewing - we will be designing, making and evaluating a bag/purse.</p>	