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Year 4 Half Termly Update Autumn 2

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to another exciting half term in Year 4! In this update you will find out what your child will be learning this term. PE days will be on Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit. We are planning an exciting trip to the British Museum this term and more details will follow. Please remind your children to do their weekly homework, daily Doodle maths and practise their times tables using Doodle tables. We have also introduced Doodle Spellings that children can go on.

English – Writing

The children will start the term by writing a poem about fireworks, using poetic techniques such as onomatopoeia and personification. They will learn to organise their ideas in stanzas. They will then write a descriptive narrative based on Michael Morpurgo's *The Butterfly Lion*, using expanded noun phrases and personification to describe the characters and setting. We will also read and research information about Nigeria. The children will write a persuasive leaflet, encouraging the reader to visit Nigeria.

English - Reading

The children will read *The Butterfly Lion* by Michael Morpurgo or a range of shorter texts. We will be continuing to build the children's comprehension skills and also working on improving their retrieval and inference skills. We will discuss events in the book as well as ask questions to improve their understanding. The children will also read information about Nigeria and do their own internet research. Please continue to ask your children questions about the books they are reading at home.

Maths

The children will learn about length (mm, cm, m, km), perimeter and area. They will then develop their knowledge about multiplication and division, including strategies for learning times tables and recalling and division facts. Year 4 will also start to develop their knowledge about fractions, using diagrams to aid their understanding. We will also explore families of common equivalent fractions. In our arithmetic sessions, we will continue revise key skills and the four operations.

Science: Sound

In Science this half term we will be learning about Sound. Children will learn how sounds are made, and that vibrations travel through a medium such as air, water and metal to the ear. They will look at visuals of sound waves and explore pitch through an experiment using data loggers. The children will also learn about how distance affects sound. We will conclude our learning by learning about sound insulators.

Religious Education: What does it mean to be a Hindu living in Britain today?

Children will learn about how Hindus show their faith. They will learn about prayer and worship at home and in a mandir. They will also learn about Diwali, as well as how and why it is celebrated. They will learn about Mahatma Gandhi as a Hindu hero, and about Hindus living in Britain today. They will compare Hinduism to other religions and discuss the similarities and differences.

History: Benin Kingdom

Children will learn about the Kingdom of Benin. They will explore some artefacts from the Benin Kingdom and discuss what they teach us about life in that period of history. They will use evidence to learn about daily life and explore significant achievements, including impressive bronze works and other crafts. They will learn about the importance of looking at evidence critically and will explore different interpretations of the past. They will also explore the reliability of primary and secondary sources.

Music

This term, year 4 will develop their ukulele skills, learn songs and explore harmony through canons. They will be working on using musical language.

Homework

Children need to read at home every day, and write a comment in their reading diary. The children should use Doodle Maths / Tables every day. Homework club is available to support with this. Weekly spelling will be given on Friday. Please practise the spellings with your child.

Spanish

Year 4 will be learning numbers up to 31. They will learn to talk about what they want and ask questions to others. They will also learn new vocabulary.

Physical Education:

Year 4 are continuing with 'Invasion Games'. This term, they will be playing Hockey and Basketball. They will continue with gymnastics, dance and fitness weekly.