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Dear Parents/Carers,

We look forward to Spring Term 2 in Year 4! Our curriculum theme will be **Alice in Wonderland**.



MAIN LEARNING THEME –

The themes are History, Geography and Science based and will include many practical activities for the children to participate in. We are going to look at the history of tea and its many variations across the globe. We will also look at how tea drinking started in this country and how it was transported. This will naturally lead to geography as we map out the sea routes that were made to deliver tea to the UK. We are going to study Growth and Movement in Science.

LEARNING SKILLS – Developing a Sense of Self Worth & an Understanding of Self & Others

We will be focusing on the following 3 skills:

- I can express my basic needs, giving reasons for them.
- I can be relaxed and calm for a little while, listening to music or a story, etc.
- I can explain what I like and dislike and give reasons.

NUMERACY

We will be working using the National Numeracy framework. Next term we will be focusing on C2 Handling Data and Measure, D2 Calculating, Measure and Shape and E2 Securing number facts relationships and calculating.

LITERACY

Following the success of Read, Write Inc phonics, Norwood has invested in the programme Read, Write Inc Literacy and Language. The aim of this programme is to continue the good progress from the phonics programme in Key Stage 1, and therefore embed skills through regular exposure to phonics, alongside quality texts that develop their comprehension and writing skills.

It is vital that pupils are able to read fluently and confidently before being exposed to the new programme. Therefore, we are currently in the process of assessing pupils' reading ability across school. This will ensure that each child accesses literacy learning at an appropriate level regardless of their age group. From the beginning of the Spring Term, each child will access either Read Write Inc Phonics, Read Write Inc Fresh Start or Read Write Inc Language and Literacy. Children will be regularly assessed and parents will be kept informed of their progress, with the aim that all children will eventually be accessing the Literacy and Language programme. Children that are already accessing additional support for reading will continue to access this alongside the Read, Write Inc provision.

PE

PE will be on Wednesday and Thursday. PE will be covered in two one hour sessions each week. Please ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor kit in school with them all week. Children with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Any earrings (studs only are allowed in school) will also have to be removed (by the child) or covered with a plaster (which must be supplied from home).

HOME LEARNING

Your child will receive a weekly activity in their Learning Logs, this will be given out on a Wednesday and should be returned on a Tuesday. Every Tuesday, one Learning Log per class is chosen to be shared in the whole school assembly on Thursday. Your child will also be awarded House Points for the work produced in their Learning Logs. The way in which the work is presented is entirely up to the child. In addition, there will be key skills literacy and/or numeracy homework set.

Home learning is expected to be completed each week at home and handed in on time by Tuesday. If children do not meet this requirement then they will complete the home learning during break time. Can you please ensure that your child completes their home learning each week. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.

In addition to this, your child can choose to undertake a half – term home learning project, which could be the focus of their homework for the beginning of the term. This project is not compulsory, but is a fantastic way to involve family and friends in their learning. This can involve the whole family and should be linked to our topic theme; the more creative the better!

READING

Please continue to read with your child at home. Each week, they will be given 1 or 2 reading books which they can share with you at home and will be changed weekly. Year 4 have the opportunity to visit the library and learn about all the different types of books and how to use a library.

END OF THE DAY

Please feel free to use this time to talk to us about any concerns you may have, however if you need more than a few minutes then you can always make an appointment for a more convenient time.

Miss Lester
Class Teacher

Mrs McFarland
Teaching Assistant

Mrs Gill
Teaching Assistant

Mrs Reynolds
Head Teacher

