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*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow, what a busy term we have had! With the Voyager performance of The Jungle Book and the year 3 and 4 Easter assembly, we have been rushed off our feet. We also have a fun and fascinating Science Day that celebrated National Science Week. Our next topic in year 4 is called 'Crime and Punishment'. This theme will be linked across our wider curriculum work and will be the basis for our class assembly at the end of next half of the term.

### **MAIN LEARNING THEME – 'Crime and Punishment'**

In our new topic, the children will be exploring what crime and punishment is like today and how it has changed over time. The theme will be linked across our history, English, art, PSHCE, computing, and extended writing work. Religious Education will continue to be taught using the new Peterborough Guidelines.

### **Areas of study for the first half of the summer term will include:**

- What is meant by crime and punishment;
- How crimes are investigated today;
- What happens when someone commits a crime;
- How the police force was started;
- How crime and punishment has changed over time;
- Crime and punishment in other countries

### **KEY VOCABULARY FOR LEARNING THEME:**

Crime; Suspect; Finger print; Witness; Statement; Description; Detective; Prison; Prisoner; Inmate; Punishment; Police force; Officer; Community support officer; Special constable; Outcome; Court; Guilty; 'Peelers'; 'Bobbies'; Case study; Gaol; Convict; Transportation; Deportation; Confinement; Execution; Stocks; Vagrant; Heresy; Poaching; Execution; Mutilation; Pillory; Fines; Wergild; Oath; Loyalty; Society; Corporal punishment; Parental; Domestic; School; Judicial; Discipline; Legal; Illegal.

### **MATHS**

The main objectives are as follows: number; mental and written calculations; measurements. We will be continuing our focus on mental maths and times tables. We will be working on **fractions and decimals; measuring mass/weight; addition and subtraction using money and measures; 2D shapes, angles and coordinates; statistics and measurements**. The children will also learn to apply these to written problems and real life situations. Children across school will also continue to work regularly in small groups on our Assertive Mentoring programme.

### **ENGLISH**

The Read, Write Inc Literacy and Language programme has continued to be a great success through the school, and the children are enjoying this learning strategy immensely. The partner work and focused vocabulary have helped to embed skills learnt in previous years and develop their comprehension and writing skills further. Next term, we will be studying **a playscript set in Vietnam** and **evaluating evidence**. Some home reading that would support this could be 'Children of the Dragon: Selected Tales from Vietnam' – Sheery Garland and Trina Schart Hyman; 'Stories from Around the World' – Heather Amery and Linda Edwards; 'Illustrated Stories from Grimm' – Ruth Brocklehurst, Gill Doherty and Raffaella Ligi; 'Brothers Grimm Folk Tales' – The Brothers Grimm, Michael Foreman and Brian Alderson; any children's newspaper or magazine.



## **TRIPS/VISITORS**

Next term, we are hoping to get a local police officer and a witness support worker to come into school to talk to the children about crime, how the legal system works in our community and how the community are supported when they have to go to court. We are also going swimming on a Monday from 20<sup>th</sup> April onwards for 10 weeks.

## **PE**

Children will continue to partake in two hours of PE each week. Please remind your child that they should bring their PE kit into school on a Monday, **leave it in school all week** then take it home to be washed on a Friday. This way, if we choose to do extra PE, the children will have their kit in school.

This should consist of:

- Plain White Top
- Black or Grey Shorts
- Black or Grey long bottoms for the colder weather
- Long sleeved top for the colder weather
- Spare White Socks
- Plimsolls/Trainers
- Gloves and Hat for the cold months

Can we remind you that school rules state that, for the safety of your child, earrings need to be removed for PE (which needs to be done independently) or plasters (provided by home) need to cover the earrings. Children with long hair will also be asked to ensure that it is tied back. Please ensure that **all** kit is **named** clearly and are checked on a regular basis when written onto labels.

## **PARENT/CARER INVOLVEMENT**

Our special assembly for parents/carers based on our learning theme will be held in the last week of next term and the content will be kept a secret to add to the suspense. In the final half term, we will be holding a traditional style street party on the playground which parents/carers will be invited to.

## **HOME LEARNING**

Your child will receive another termly POWER project which will be given out on the first Wednesday of the term. This has been very successful so far and the children have enjoyed creating their projects very much. These tasks will again enable the children earn POWER points. The children can choose from a variety of projects using differing media and interest levels. These activities are not compulsory, but are a fantastic way to involve family and friends in their learning. The way in which the work is presented is entirely up to the child; the more creative the better!

In addition to this, every Wednesday the children will be given two other tasks of literacy, maths or science which are due the following Wednesday, and they will be awarded house points for their efforts on these tasks. This home learning is expected to be completed at home and handed in on time by the due date. If children do not meet this requirement then they will complete the home learning during break times. Can you please ensure that your child completes the literacy/maths/science home learning each week. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.

## **BREAK TIMES**

Children may bring in a snack to eat at morning break but it must be a healthy option, and remember that we are a nut free school. Also, a Hot Meal option is available every day for your child's lunch, but it must be paid on Parentpay.

**Even though it has been a very short half term, we have managed to pack in loads of fun activities and learning in the five weeks. We are very much looking forward to our new, exciting topic, and know that we will continue to have lots of fun on our learning journey together.**

Yours sincerely

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